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Estate
program
to open

Anyone who has anything can benefit from the Estate Planning sessions scheduled Monday and Tuesday nights in the Audio Visual Room at Hondo High School for all who wish to attend.

Co-sponsored by the Hondo Chamber of Commerce and the County Program Building Committee, the sessions will hold forth beginning at 8 p.m. each night. They will feature discussions on such important subjects as: inventory of assets and wealth, highlights of estate planning, calculating taxes, inheritance and Federal estate taxes, wills and laws of descent and distribution in Texas, establishing liquidity, the function of a trust in estate planning.

And following each night's presentation by experts in the field those in attendance will have the opportunity to fire questions on all subjects covered.

Rene Aelvoet, who holds the unique position of heading both sponsoring organizations, will preside over both sessions as well as performing the task of introducing the speakers.

The Monday night schedule will include:

Inventory of Assets and Wealth--Alan Reichardt, Area Farm Management Specialist, Weslaco; Highlights of Estate Planning--Tom Prater, Extension Farm Manage-

SPARKS

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what flies up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight." --Pindar

By Burnis K. Lawrence
Publisher

MISS LIBERTY

A note from a former D'Hanis resident now serving in the United States Marine Corps tells a touching story. Thanks to Pfc. Joe L. Gonzales, who recently served in South Vietnam.

"She waits patiently, sitting there in her bedroom window looking for her love that she knows is out there. She knows he is out there, for he told her so.

"A thought comes back, a tear falls, and emptiness surges through every fiber; at times she actually wants to believe he's coming home to her.

"The fire light from the hearth throws a warm glow over the room; her warm golden skin takes on the hue of bronze, and her ebony eyes blend with the jet of her cascading hair; her soft hand falls by the way, as she rises slowly to go to the door . . . why? She doesn't know.

"Her love is gone, never to come home again. Did he leave her for another? . . .

"No, not this MARINE.

"He fought for another lady . . . Miss Liberty . . .

" . . . AND LOST."

A FEW KILOWATTS TOO MANY

Fred Johnson, head of the Hondo City Electric Department, feels we overstated the fact last week when we printed figures on the increase in department income.

And he's right. About \$30,135.27 right.

Our story said the May 1971 commercial revenue was up \$33,135.27 over the same month last year.

Well, that was too much charge. It should have been an increase of \$3,135.27.

Sorry, Fred. Seems our typewriter got carried away with one three too many.

Two buildings, hay burn Saturday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed 1000 to 1500 bales of hay Saturday night on the air base.

Employees of Hondo Livestock Auction noticed smoke coming from one of the city's surplus buildings just north of the auction yards about 8:30 p.m.

By the time firemen ar-

rived, Chief Charley Lutz said, two buildings containing the hay were completely engulfed in flames.

Fire fighting efforts were limited to saving adjoining buildings and keeping the blaze from spreading into dry grass in the area.

Lloyd Hardt, auction owner-manager, said some alfalfa

in the buildings had been stored there three or four years, while some of the other hay had been put in storage about a week ago.

He placed a value of \$1,25 a bale on the hay, making a loss of from \$1,250 to \$1,875. None was covered by insurance, Hardt said.

Fritz Leinweber, manager

of the air field properties for the city, said no financial loss was incurred from the two tar paper buildings destroyed in the fire. Both had been declared surplus, he said.

Chief of Police Jerry Williamson said traffic at the fire scene was well behaved. He said only one vehicle drove over a hose line.

However, some volunteer firemen complained that they were delayed in reaching the blaze by heavy traffic on 14th Street as residents flocked to the blaze.

Flames shot high into the air at the height of the fire, and a huge pall of black smoke drifted westward carried by a light wind.

Chapman sprinkler system douses major fire threat

Anyone seeking a testimonial to the fire protection value of an automatic sprinkler system should talk to G. P. (Gip) Chapman at Chapman Grain, Inc. in Hondo.

Chapman credited the company's sprinkler system with saving the firm from a major fire Friday afternoon about 2:30.

Flames erupted from a

diesel engine and appeared to spread quickly, Chapman said.

Then heat set off sprinklers in the area, and flames were extinguished almost immediately.

"I thought they'd never go off," Chapman said.

"They probably popped in 30 seconds or less," a bystander told him, "but I'll bet you thought it was five

minutes."

"I sure did," Chapman answered. "Flames were shooting up, and I thought the sprinklers never would go off. Man," said the soaking wet Chapman, "they sure throw a lot of water."

Firemen dispatched all trucks of the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department, but flames were well under control when trucks arrived.

Damage from the fire was said to be minor.

Diane enters pageant

Active, vivacious and beautiful Diane Schulte, Miss Hondo of 1971, is sure to be an all-the-way threat in the forthcoming Miss South Texas talent and beauty revue at Seguin this July 4.

Diane is also sure to stage one of the most unique and captivating performances in the talent portion of the pageant with a dramatic reading entitled 'This is America'.

The 18-year-old Hondo High School graduate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Schulte, should also captivate many an unknown admirer with her graceful beauty; she stands five feet, nine inches with soft brown hair and lively brown eyes.

During her years at Hondo High School, she kept busy in the Senior Club, Band and Future Homemakers of America.

Next fall she plans to attend Southwest Texas University.

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Eat that sausage!

There will be plenty of delicious eating at the first annual Sausage Supper to be sponsored beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday by the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department. Served at the Hondo City Park the supper will cost \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. All you want to eat if you want to go back through the line. There will be plates to go. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new fire truck to replace one bought in 1942. So eat hearty! what you eat may help save your house or business from fire some day. Oh, yes, the two pictured here are general chairman Hilmer Mueller, holding the sausage, and chief cook Lester Boehme with the big knife.



MISS DIANE SCHULTE
... will represent Hondo at July 4

Final rites said for Mrs. Ida Riff

Funeral services were held June 19 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hondo for Mrs. Ed (Ida) Riff, age 74, who died June 18, 1971 at Castroville Hospital. Rev. Larry Stueben of Castroville and Rev. Emmet Carolan of Hondo performed the last rites.

Mrs. Riff was born Dec. 22, 1896 in Medina County to Otto and Mary Schulte Brucks. A homemaker, she belonged to St. Louis Catholic Church in Castroville.

Survivors include her husband, Ed N. Riff; son, Erwin Riff of Knippa; daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Hermes of Hondo; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Schlecht and Mrs. Elizabeth Haby, both of Hondo, and Mrs. Elmer (Ella) Bader of Dunlay; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Howard Haby, Hubert Hermes, Harvey Stein, James Tschirhart, Erwin Biediger, and George (Pete) Masters.

Interment was in St. John's Catholic Cemetery with Guinn-Horger Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Aid extended thru September

Livestock owners may take advantage of emergency livestock feed and hay transportation assistance programs through Sept. 30.

Burglar sentenced

Woodrow G. Richardson was sentenced to three years in prison Monday and placed on probation after pleading guilty to burglary.

Judge Ross E. Doughty of Uvalde accepted the plea and sentenced Richardson in district court here.

Juan Lopez

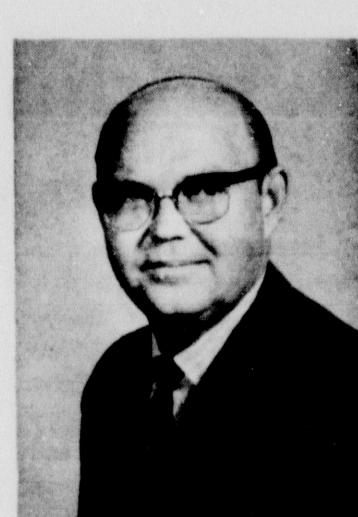
Funeral services were held June 19 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hondo for Juan Lopez, age 75, who died June 18, 1971, in Lockhart, Tex. Rev. Emmet Carolan officiated.

Mr. Lopez was born Dec. 27, 1895 in Mexico to Cesario and Fermana Lopez. He lived in Medina County many years before moving to Lockhart 19 years ago. His wife was the late Nicolasa Barrios Lopez. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include 4 sons, Juan B. and Isabel of Hondo, Gregoria of Seguin, and Felipe of Lockhart; 4 daughters, Ascension Amoya, Anita Torres, Paula Perez and Luisa Urrutia, all of Lockhart; a brother, Feliciano Lopez of Hondo; 42 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Paul Gonzales, Raul Cantu, Margarita Martinez, Jose Ramirez, Lupe Hernandez and Alberto Nira.

Interment was in Guadalupe Cemetery with Guinn-Horger Funeral Home handling arrangements.



A. A. Leopold



Woodrow Ede



Rene Aelvoet



William Wallace, Jr.

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★ Estate planning speakers

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ment Specialist, Texas A&M University; Calculating Tex- as, Inheritance and Federal State Taxes--Woodrow Ede, CPA of Knippa; and Quest- ions and Answer Session -- Panel of Above Participants,

Tom Prater, Moderator.

Tuesday evening's sched- ule includes:

Wills and Laws of Desent and Distribution, State of Texas--A. A. Leopold, Pro- fessor, School of Law, St. Ma-

ry's University; How Do You Establish Liquidity?--Forrest Fuller, C.L.U., American General Insurance of Houston; The Function of a Trust in Es- tate Planning--William F. Wallace, Jr., Chairman,

Board of Directors, Hondo Na- tional Bank; and Questions and Answer Session --Panel of A- bove Participants, Tom Prat- er, moderator.

Sessions are free to the general public.

Arraignments set for 21 defendants

Twenty-one defendants in- dicted by the June Medina County grand jury, are sched- uled for arraignment Monday before Judge Ross E. Doughty of Uvalde sitting in the Hondo district court room.

Defendants scheduled to appear and the charges against them are:

Jose P. Chacon, keeping a gambling house; Armando S. Fuentec, assault with intent to murder; David C. Jamison, possession of marijuana; Cliff- ord D. Fritter, assault with intent to murder.

Margaret F. Coovey, pos- session of codein; Christine Santos, possession of mariju-

ana and narcotic paraphanalia; Jerry W. Lucas and Diane R. Thompson, burglary and theft.

William F. Wilmoth and Claude Espinosa, possession of marijuana; Peter J. Hales, possession of marijuana; John T. Williams, receiving and concealing stolen property.

Joe Garza, possession of marijuana; Joe F. Garza and Jesse G. Flores, possession of marijuana; Johnnie Morales, two counts of sale and pos- session of marijuana.

Michael Chetwood, burgla- ry of a motor vehicle, burgla- ry of a school bus and theft; Amador Santos, two counts of possession and sale of marijuana; Sam Faseler, two counts of possession and sale of marijuana.

Ernest R. Mascorro, three counts of burglary of a motor vehicle; Harris P. Harrell, possession of marijuana; Antonio Schmidt, forgery and passing; and Shirley Lee Hoppe, theft of cattle by em- bezzlement and theft by bailee.

Mendoza rape trial scheduled

Jesse V. Mendoza, Jr., charged with the rape of a young mother in December, 1969, is scheduled to go on trial Monday, Sept. 20, in Uvalde.

Judge Ross E. Doughty of Uvalde ordered the change of venue from district court in Hondo Monday.

Mendoza's attorney moved

to dismiss the indictment a- gainst his client, asked for a continuance, and a change in venue.

Judge Doughty denied all three motions, then moved the trial to Uvalde.

Mendoza is one of three charged in the rape - sodomy case.

Another defendant, Elipido Esquivel, Jr., pled guilty to rape before Judge Doughty last March after a change of venue from Hondo. He was sentenced to 25 years in pris- on.

A third defendant in the case, Dionicio Esquivel, Jr., failed to appear Monday. His \$2500 bond on a sodomy charge was ordered forfeited, and a warrant issued for his arrest.

Both Mendoza and Dionicio Esquivel were juveniles when originally charged.

Here in Hondo

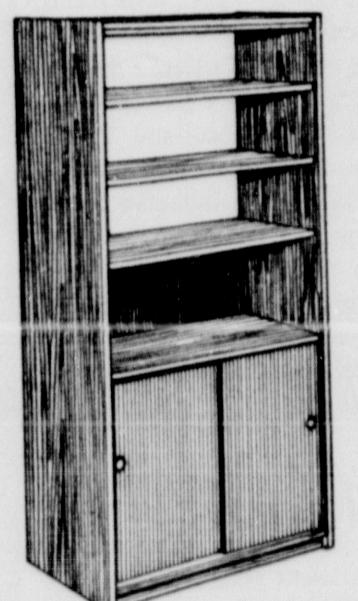
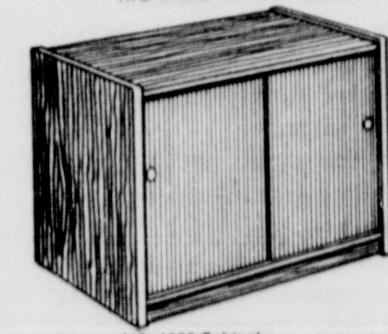
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rei- del of Alice visited in the home of their sister, Mrs. M. J. Lorling, last week.

Barbecue to raise funds

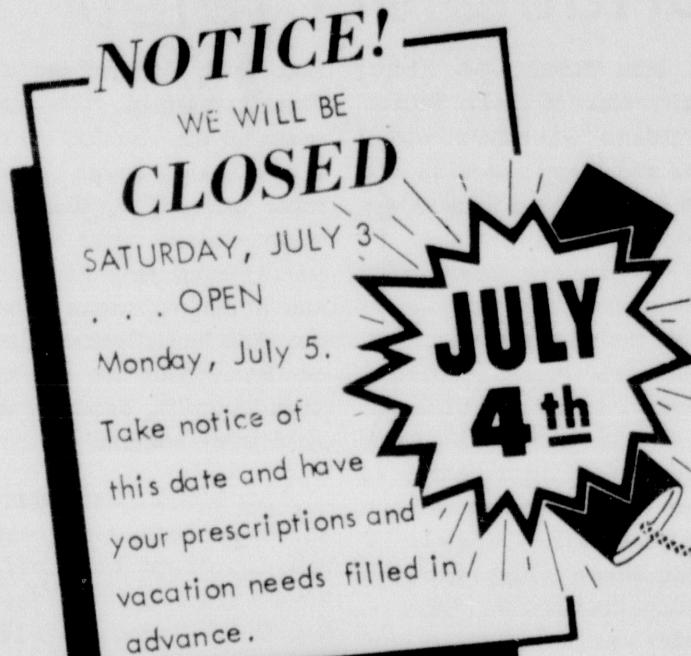
A big barbecue to raise money for a scholarship is planned Sunday by the Cas- troville Citizens for Better Government.

The chicken barbecue with all the trimmings is set for the American Legion Hall in Hondo beginning at 11 a. m. Sunday, June 27. Plates will be served until 3 p. m. at \$1.25 per plate. There will be plates to go.

The group also is planning a big dance beginning at 3 p. m. For \$1.00 per person one and all can dance until 8 p. m.

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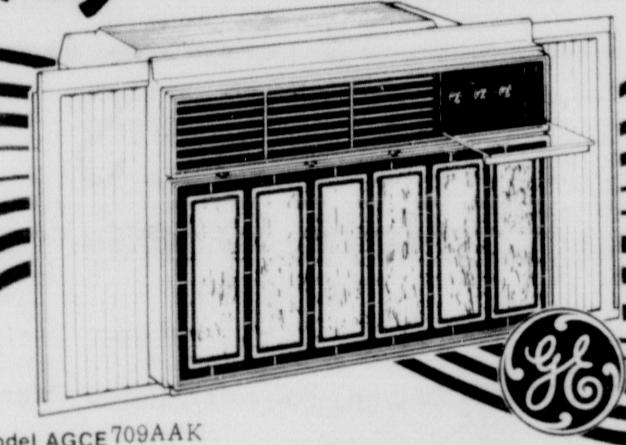
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Bride-elect feted

Miss Patricia Lee Rock, bride-elect of Dale Patrick Williams, was honored with a tea and miscellaneous shower on June 13 in the home of Mrs. Edgar Saathoff.

Greeting the guests with the honoree and Mrs. Saathoff were the bride's mother, Mrs. Ferd Rock, Jr., and her fiance's mother, Mrs. E. J. Williams.

The tea table was laid with a white linen cloth edged with white lace, and had for its centerpiece a basket of white shasta daisies flanked with yellow candles. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Jesse Beitel, Mrs. Edward Zerr, Miss Laura Rothe and Miss Sandra Saathoff.

Miss Mary Ellen Rock, sister of the bride, was in charge of the bride's book in which approximately 100 guests registered during the afternoon.

Greeting guests in the den were the grandmothers of the bride and groom, Mrs. Ferd Rock, Sr., Mrs. A. J. Finger, and Mrs. Myrtle Williams.

In the bedrooms where the gifts were on display the guests were greeted by Mrs. Walter Nester, Mrs. Hubert Hermes,

Mrs. Buddy Hartman, and Mrs. Franklin Wiemers. Other hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Francis Bowen, Lawrence Carle, G. P. Chapman, Wayne Cheney, John Coyle, David Finger, Jack Finger, Melvin Finger, Marcus Flusche, Eric Haby, Gertrude Hester, Buddy Jones, Joe Keeffe, Allen McGuffin, Eugene Moos and Stanley Mumme.

Also, Mrs. James Richter, Ferd L. Rothe, Albert Saathoff, Jr., Arnold Saathoff, Howard Saathoff, John Seiffert, O. W. Sparks, Harold Stiegler, John Tondre, John Tondre, Jr., Myles Weynand, and Sam Zerr.

Also, Misses Dorothy Benderle, Mary Zuberbauer, Lee Ann Riff, and Ursie Lee Rock.

PERSONAL SHOWER

Miss Rock was honored with a personal shower on June 12 in the home of Mrs. Edward Zerr. Refreshments were served to 15 guests.

Hostesses for this occasion were the bridesmaids, Misses Laura Rothe, Sherri Williams and Mary Ellen Rock and Mrs. Zerr.



Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Wernette

Wernette-Coffey

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hondo, was the setting for the June 4 wedding of Miss Donna Lea Coffey and Edward L. Wernette. Rev. A. M. Haneman performed the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Chester Schmidt was organist and W. J. Schmidt of Tarpley sang.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wernette, all of Hondo.

For her evening wedding the bride chose a formal-length gown of Chantilly lace and peau de soie with seed pearl trim. For something old, she wore a locket which her mother had worn at her wedding. Her father gave her in marriage. She carried a bouquet of roses, gladioli, gypsophila and ivy.

Miss Carol Wernette, sister of the groom, served as maid of honor. Miss Jo Anne Coffey, sister of the bride,

Here in Hondo

Mrs. Ruth Smith and Mrs. Kate Morris returned to their homes on Sunday after spending ten days with friends and relatives in Dawson, Palestine and Eureka, Texas.

and Misses Barbara Bearman and Michelle Bonnett were bridesmaids. Bridal attendants were attired in mint green crepe gowns trimmed with ribbon trim. They carried yellow gladioli.

Bobby Wernette served his brother as best man. Ushers were Mike Groff, Glenn Riff and Todd Claus. Groomsmen all were Dennis Mann, Mike Lott and Elmer Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffey honored the newlyweds with a reception at the National Guard Armory immediately following the ceremony. Miss Karen Mann presided at the bride's book. Misses Ann Gay Jones, Linda Bader and Anne Seiffert served at the bride's table and Misses Stephanie Wilson, Kathy Graff and Cindy Schuehle served at the groom's table.

Mrs. Elmer Schneider of College Station served punch and Misses Leeanne McWilliams and Karla Wiemers assisted with gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wernette hosted a rehearsal dinner for the bridal party on June 3.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple are at home in Hondo.

Summer wedding vows recited

Hermann-Rothe

Miss Susan Renee Rothe became the bride of Dennis Edward Herrmann in a nuptial mass recited June 12 at Holy Cross Church, D'Hanis, Rt. Rev. Victor Schmidtzinsky performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Rothe and Mr. and Mrs. Dan E. Herrmann, all of D'Hanis.

Gerald Fohr sang "Wedding Prayer" and Henry M. Finger sang "Panis Angelicus" with Mrs. A. H. Finger at the organ.

The bridal gown of candlelight satin and Florentine lace from Germany was accented with a long veil of lace with a headpiece of lace roses and sprigs of lilies of the valley. She wore an old cameo at the scalloped neckline and carried ivory tinted roses mixed with tiny pastel flowers and pearls. Joe Ro-

the gave his daughter in marriage.

Ellen Rothe served her cousin as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sue Seiffert, Janet Allen, Kathy Shieff, Peggy Rothe, sister of the bride, and Betsy Herrmann, sister of the groom. They wore ankle length gowns of spring flower appliques on pink and pinkshades. Porcelain lockets on pink satin ribbons adorned the V-necklines of their dresses. Flowers were headpieces and nose-gays of pink daisy mums.

Clyde Herrmann served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Wayne Huser, Rusty Attaway, Larry Rothe and Augie Rothe, brother of the bride. Ushers were Tommy and Ricky Rothe, brothers of the bride, Tommy Attaway and Johnny Zinsmeyer. Mike Rothe, brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride's family hosted

Perry-Wiemers

Miss Patsy Ruth Wiemers became the bride of Billy Bryant Perry in a formal candlelight ceremony on May 15 at New Fountain United Methodist Church, Rev. L. S. Dubberly, pastor of the church, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes John Wiemers of Hondo and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey LaVaughn Perry of Lampasas.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, John M. Winn, of Uvalde. She wore a formal gown of white silk organza with a tucked bodice and short puffed sleeves. Wide band of eyelet lace threaded with pink satin ribbon circled the waist and high neckline and accented the yoke of the dress. The bell skirt was bordered with the wide eyelet and tucked organza and was edged with picot lace.

Her chapel-length veil of silk illusion was edged in matching picot lace and was attached to a white lace Juliet cap. She carried a nosegay bouquet of pink sweetheart roses, white stephanotis and daisies tied with pink satin ribbon. Her only jewelry was a pair of diamond earrings which had belonged to the groom's maternal grandmother.

Mrs. John M. Winn of Uvalde was her sister's matron of honor. Maid of honor was Miss Marcia Nunn of Richardson. Miss Monica Mauteufel of San Antonio, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Their floor-length gowns of pink and white checked gingham were trimmed with wide white rickrack. They wore white straw picture hats with pink velvet

and Misses Leeann McWilliams and Karla Wiemers assisted with gifts.

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Gary Smith was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Richard Zelenuk, brother of the bride, and Jerry Walters. Douglas Smith, brother of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

A reception followed the ceremony in the church annex. The bride is a graduate of Sam Houston High School, Arlington. The bridegroom graduated from Arlington High School and attended the University of Texas at Arlington prior to his enlistment in the Army. He completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and now is stationed at Ft. Wolter near Mineral Wells, where the couple will reside.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mechler, Sr., Castroville, who attended the wedding, along with the George Mechlers of Hondo.

a wedding supper at St. Dominic Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Acapulco, the newlyweds are at home in Lubbock until July when they will move to San Antonio.



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County 4H Dress Revue set tomorrow in Devine

June 25 is the date for the County 4-H Dress Revue. During the week preceding the Dress Revue, girls have been judged on clothing records, construction of each garment and modeling ability.

Here in Hondo

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leo Dannemiller and children returned to their home at Ft. Leonard, Mo., after spending a two-week vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and

Purpose of the dress revue awards program is to help young people develop self-confidence and poise through understanding of self, proper selection of clothing, sewing skills and use of the decision making process.

Four awards will be presented. The 9 and 10 year olds will compete for the title of Little Junior Miss. The 11 through 13 year old girls will compete for the title of Junior Miss.

Girls 14 through 19 compete for the title of Maid of Cotton and Teen Queen. The Junior Miss, Cotton Queen and Teen Queen will be eligible to enter the District 4-H Dress Revue in Corpus Christi, on July 19.

The public is invited to attend the County Dress Revue which will be in Devine's High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Here in Hondo

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Haby, Linda, and Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grantham, Todd and Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kriewald, Ronnie and David were visitors in the home of the Walter Mueninks the past week.

The oldest one attending was Mrs. Lula Ward of Yancey, 80. All five of her children were present - Robert Ward, Floyd Ward and Mrs. Harold Faseler, all of Hondo; Walter Ward of Midland; and Mrs. Ira Sansom of Uvalde.

Three-month-old Cyle Foley of Carrizo Springs, was the youngest present. He is the great-grandson of the Carroll Howards of Carrizo Springs.

It was decided to have another Howard reunion next year at Hondo City Park.

Yancey class of 1941 holds reunion

By Mrs. Norman (Amy Melton) Gray

On June 13, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilson and children of Yancey were hosts to members of the 1941 Yancey High School graduating class's 30-year reunion.

Original members of this

class were: Tennille Duderstadt, Elmer Hartman (deceased), Milton Poehler, Neal Saathoff, Willard Wilson, Helen and Ellen Muennink, Lanell Wiemers, Ruth Hardt, Mildred Ward, Esther Faseler and Amy Melton.

Attending this, the third reunion, were seven of eleven living members. Neal Saathoff of Colorado, Tennille Duderstadt, Esther Faseler, and Mildred Ward of New Jersey were unable to attend.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilson and children; his mother, Mrs. J. N. Wilson of Hondo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and children, Madisonville (Lanell Wiemers); Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koehler and sons of Houston, (Ruth Hardt); Mr. and Mrs. Ira Heacock and children of Schertz, (Helen Muennink); Mrs. Rueben Wiemers and children of Hondo, (Ellen Muennink); Mr. and Mrs. Milton Poehler and children of Hondo; Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Gray and Bill of Uvalde, (Amy Melton); and her mother, Mrs. W. B. Melton of Hondo.

Mrs. Melton was class mother of this group and went on their senior trip to Carlsbad Caverns that year. Fred Allen was Senior Sponsor, and married Miss Lanell Wiemers, so this class really claimshim.

Much food was enjoyed, many pictures were taken with 'annual looking' and 'remember when' conversation completing the day.

Milton Poehler said that 10 years was too long to wait for



Michael Allen Lorling

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lorling of Dallas announce the birth of their first child, Michael Allen, on Monday, June 21, 1971, at Parkland Hospital.

He weighed six pounds and eight ounces and is the grandson of Mrs. M. J. Lorling and the late Rev. M. J. Lorling.



Patsy Ann Masters

Mary Kathryn Sobotik

Moraima Morales

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Shower honors couple

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenney, formerly of San Antonio, and now of Devine, were honored on June 11 with an ice cream social and pounding by members of Natalia Baptist Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Simmons.

Rev. Franklin Pullin gave the prayer and Mr. Kenney led the group in singing games. Members of the choir served as hostesses. The hostesses gift was an electric ice cream freezer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney were recently married in Natalia Baptist Church where they are now members and Mr. Kenney is serving as music director. They are at home in their new trailer home at Trinity Trailer Towne in Devine.

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Parents!

Know the Drug Threat

The child you save
may be your own!

By

Jerry Williamson
Hondo
Chief of Police

Today's Subject: The Human Price of Drug Use

There are probably several different ways of looking at and examining the human price of drug abuse, because there are so many hundreds of ways that it can affect personal and family life and individual futures.

It would seem obvious that anything which withdraws a person from society in general would have large potential for adversity. And, perhaps more than anything else which is happening, the drug movement in our country definitely withdraws its followers from normal society.

It's hard to separate the drug problem from the social scene. Young people often feel opportunity is limited to them and so drugs offer a means of withdrawal from a society they find too impersonal. Drugs also offer a withdrawal from the competitive aspects of society. One cannot compete in the drug state. Youngsters often want to avoid getting involved in the "games" that mark our society. They would prefer getting pleasure in ways in which they find it unnecessary to compete against established values.

And so, regardless of the initial reason for experimenting with drugs, the user always winds up with far more real trouble than he ever had when he was seeking his personal escape from the daily realities of life.

The actual monetary cost of using any drugs is a constantly increasing factor, but the effects on human life are much more staggering and heartbreaking. One psychiatrist at a well known university says, "I've picked up the broken pieces of young people in trouble from using drugs... it is anything but pleasant."

Exactly how many youths are getting themselves in trouble by abusing drugs is impossible to count, as there is no practical accurate measure. But, it is a well known fact that courts over the country are becoming inundated with drug violation cases, and this would seem to point up the vast number of people who are using drugs, if only on a trial basis.

A drug conviction in court is "on the record" and the single fact that there was a conviction is a difficult thing to live down. Aside from this, individual reaction to drugs is so varying that just one experiment can lead a person to a long term dependency on the use of certain drugs. And, to argue that some drugs have not proved permanently harmful is ridiculous in view of the case histories which show that the least harmful often lead one to the most horrifying drug use, in the search for bigger and better thrills and reactions.

Remember when the alcoholic was looked on simply as a social outcast, a weakling who was shunned and looked down on and left for the most part alone to kill himself off? That was an easy "out" for society... ignore it... look the other way when the "drunk" touched our lives. Now, of course, alcoholism is looked upon as a disease and treated accordingly. Why? Because there are approximately 6,000,000 alcoholics in this country alone!

It would seem that we waited too long to take effective treatment measures against alcoholism, for now it has a gigantic hold on many, many people. Perhaps in years to come medical science will find a single answer, but it is safe to say it may take many years.

So, let's not "look the other way" on the national drug problem. Let's face it, recognizing that it is definitely a big problem, and face up to the measures we must take to combat it. The first and most important thing in fighting any enemy is KNOWING all you can possibly learn about his nature. Thus, education on the subject of drugs is of prime importance!

Be with me next week for another discussion, won't you?

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Settlement news

by Wanda Schott and Mary Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wengenroth and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wengenroth and Bridget visited the William Wengenroth on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dinges visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Biediger on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Haby and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Biediger and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tschirhart and family of Big Foot visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snow of Lytle visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence and Christi on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bieden hosted a barbecue dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bieden, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Schott and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nelson.

Mrs. Ray Homer and Mrs. Paul Schott visited Adolph Schneider on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Masters hosted a barbecue for Mr. and Mrs. John Tarvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence and Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Homer, Bill Bieden and Sidney Steubing.

Mrs. Elmer Biediger visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Schneider on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nelson, Jr. of SA visited Mr. and Mrs. Danny Nelson Thursday.

Wanda Schott spent Monday with her sister, Colleen Bieden.

Mrs. John Lawrence and Christi and Mrs. G. A. Masters and Dwayne were in SA on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garrett and son, Griff, of Victoria visited Mr. and Mrs. William Bieden last week. Mr. Garrett and Mr. Bieden were buddies on the same ship in the Navy. They hadn't seen each other for 7 years and the Garrett family surprised the Biedens with their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider visited the Daniel Nelsons on Tuesday evening.

Among those from this area attending the rosary of Mrs. Ida Riff on Friday were Mrs. G. A. Masters, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Allen Haby, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Biediger.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Biediger and family, Mrs. Wilfred Moehring, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Schott and Raymond Biediger on Sunday.

Also, those attending the funeral for Mrs. Riff Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. William Wengenroth, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Biediger, Vicki and Kim, Mrs. Clara Moehring, Mrs. J. D. Schewe, Sterley Jagge, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Masters, Mrs. John Tarvin and Mrs. Lucky Lawrence.

Sterley and Mildred Jagge are in the process of having a new home built in the Settlement.

Twenty-three members of the Dunlay Community Club enjoyed a chicken barbecue at Herman Sons Hall on June 13. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayliff of SA were guests.

M. C. Balzen visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Schewe on Sunday.

Sterley Jagge and Webster Haby did a good repair job on a tank tower.

The J. D. Schewe were in SA Friday visiting the Boggers, Bayliffs and Johnsons and had dinner with the A. K. Yarbroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Haby, Carol Sue and Jeff, SA, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Paulina Mehr. Mrs. Gertrude Hoffmann, SA, stopped in Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Halty, Castroville, is in a SA hospital.

Mrs. Agnes Horecka, Castroville, received word of the passing of her brother-in-law, Mr. Alvin Appelt, Hallettsville. Services were held last Wednesday. Mrs. Horecka and Forrest Horecka of Hondo Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matchek and son of New Braunfels attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart visited on Monday with Mrs. Marie Smith and the Charles LeHighs.

E. A. Mechler reports good rains at their ranch below D' Hanis - some tanks were filled.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Boubel, Kirk and Mrs. Rosie Boubel visited Gaylon and Riva Boubel in Hondo Tuesday.

Sam and Lorine Tschirhart visited the Johnnie Schewe on Wednesday.

Alex J. Tschirhart of Noonan is in Illinois for three weeks schooling. Seems never too old to learn something new. Wife, Marion, and four boys remained at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Yarbrough, Mrs. Annie Mote of SA and Mrs. Clara Moehring visited the Johnnie Schewe on Thursday.

Visiting Mrs. Paulina Mehr on Wednesday were her nieces, Mrs. Jess Cockrell, Mrs. Henry Tschirhart, Mrs. Leroy Bippert, all of SA; Mrs. Clinton Haby, Mico; Mrs. Harold and Lenard Bippert, Sauz.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grugger and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Yarbrough, SA, attended the funeral of a friend in Laredo on June 13. They drove in very heavy rains in places.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schewe attended the rosary for Mrs. Pauline Tondre Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Haby, Carol Sue and Jeff, SA, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Paulina Mehr. Mrs. Gertrude Hoffmann, SA, stopped in Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lentz of Oklahoma arrived Friday to spend the weekend with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayliff, SA.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayliff, SA, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lentz, Oklahoma, and the Johnnie Schewe had dinner together Sunday and later enjoyed Father's Day cake made by Dot Bayliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mechler, SA, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mechler, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mechler, Castroville.

Johnnie and Lenora Schewe visited later Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mechler are at home in Castroville with the Edward Mechlers.

Help!

There are more boxes of personal belongings left behind by Camp Fire Girls who attended Camp Mary Louise last week. "And we never disposed of all the things from last year," said Mrs. Paul Pope.

Girls or their parents may claim their items at the office of N. P. Poole Insurance, upstairs in the Hondo National Bank Building.

Names of students whose academic achievements qualified them for the dean's list for the spring semester at Texas Tech University were released this week.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or more and must be taking as many as 12 semester hours of work.

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Mrs. Paul Pope honored

Camp Fire Girls in the Medina Council honored Mrs. Paul (Ward) Pope, left, at the finale of camping session last week. They named the main lodge in her honor, thus paying tribute for all the work she has done over the years for Camp Fire Girls. She founded the movement in Hondo and now serves as staff member Na-

tional Council of Camp



Closing time at Camp Mary Louise

All good things must come to an end and so Friday night Camp Fire girls of the Medina Council said good-bye to their new and old friends as the annual session at Camp Mary Louise came to a close.



Hard work!

Would you call this concentration? These two girls at Camp Mary Louise last week certainly would. They were stringing beads and there's no doubt about it--that is hard work that requires concentration. Just look at those faces if you don't believe it!

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Mrs. Allen Ihnen

Mrs. Annie Naegelin is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stein was hostess to the busy seven club on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ihnen and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Huegele and niece, Sheri Crawford, visited in the Roy Tschirhart home Tuesday evening.

Tony Orozco and Theresa Luna were in Hondo on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gerloff and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stein and son Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fohn and sons of SA and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fohn of Yancey visited in the Albert Tschirhart home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Naegelin spent

I'm Here
 Gretchen Marie Finger

Mr. and Mrs. David Figner of San Antonio are the parents of a baby daughter, born June 18, 1971 at Methodist Hospital, San Antonio.

Gretchen Marie weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

She is welcomed by a sister, Kimberly, brother, Kevin, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar DePre of San Antonio and Mrs. A. J. Figner (Marie) of D'Hanis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Orozco and Theresa Luna were in Hondo Monday.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tschirhart on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tschirhart and son, Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ihnen and Miss Carolyn Tschirhart.

John Fohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fohn, received a bad cut on his leg from a lawn mower.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stein

and Ricky and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ihnen were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tschirhart last Wednesday.

Claude Tschirhart of Castroville visited his brother, Alex Tschirhart, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wendell

were in Castroville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ihnen

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Mrs. Pauline Tondre, sis-

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Firemen's carnival is Friday

by Mary Belle Zerr

The Firemen's Carnival will be Friday evening, June 25, at Holy Cross Parish Hall. The tamale sale will begin at 6:30; cake walk and games party will follow.

Donations to either or both will be greatly appreciated. The Fire Department is in

need of equipment so they can protect your property. Help them so they can help you.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bendele of Sanderson were guests of the Calvin Bendele family on Wednesday and Thursday. They attended the Bendele

Reunion on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Freeman and family have returned to their Grand Prairie home after spending a vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lutz, and other relatives. The children remained with their grandparents while Mr. and Mrs. Freeman took a four-day vacation in Acapulco, Mexico.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. O. W. Tondre and the Joe Muellers on Tuesday were Mrs. John Hardy and daughter of Houston, Mrs. Sidney Mercer and children of Pleasanton. Mrs. Fred Graff and children, Mrs. Charles Tondre and Chuck of Hondo, Mrs. John Ney and children and Mrs. Louis Carle.

Afternoon callers included Mrs. Lawrence Carle, Mrs. Herman Ney, Mrs. Matt Koch Jr. and Susanne and Mrs. Sam Zerr bringing with them best wishes for Mrs. John Ney on the occasion of her birthday.

Mrs. Ney was honored in the morning with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Santeben.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilhooly and sons have returned to their Dallas home after spending a week's vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ney, and visiting other relatives. Before returning to their home they were to visit places of interest at Laredo, Corpus Christi, Houston and Galveston.

Mrs. O. W. Tondre and Mrs. Joe Mueller accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tondre of Hondo to Castroville on Saturday where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Adolph (Pauline) Tondre.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Koch returned on Monday having spent the weekend in SA as guests of the Francis Kochs. On Father's Day, Mr. Koch's sons and their families, who live in SA, joined the family for an all-day get-together.

Mrs. Bob Golden returned to her Omaha, Neb, home last week after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Eric Rothe. Warren Golden, who is serving in the armed forces and is stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., was a weekend visitor in the home of his grandmother. While in D'Hanis he attended the wedding of his cousin, Susan Rothe, to Dennis Herrmann on Saturday.

Remember our Library is opened from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Everyone is welcome! May I make a request - will our patrons please return overdue books as quickly as possible as many others would like to read and check them out also. The demand is very great for our books, especially in the summer where we have our Summer Reading Program. Remember we must share and share alike! So, please bring back your overdue books. Thanks a lot.

They also visited Daddy David and children, Kimberly and Kevin, at their home.

Official commissioning of the \$275,000 weather radar station in Hondo has been scheduled July 15, according to a telephone call from the office of U. S. Congressman Abraham (Chick) Kazen.

Weather station opening event set

Ceremonies are being planned at the station, Fritz Leinweber, City Manager, said. Dignitaries will include personnel from the regional weather department

headquarters, local and area officials, and perhaps Congressman Kazen and other elected officials. More details will be released next week on the event.

The station will hire from six to eight people and will serve as an early warning station for weather. The scope installed at the station is so powerful it will reach as far as 250 miles, one spokesman said.



Exhibit paintings in Sabinal

These three artists, two from Hondo and one from Sabinal, exhibited paintings in the annual Cypress City Day celebration in Sabinal Saturday. The painting in the center is a product of Mildred Hueser, center. At left is Nancy Sanders of Hondo, and on the right is Evelyn Langford of Sabinal, who teaches both artists.

Missionary to visit

Hondo Baptist Church

"How does that man who is a stranger here understand us and know just what we need most in our churches?" asked a pastor at a Baptist conference in Nigeria.

The man he wondered about is Joseph B. Underwood, whose understanding comes from experience with the needs of young churches around the world.

Underwood is consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. He works with the board's administrative staff and with missionaries and nationals overseas to

plan and carry out special projects of evangelism, stewardship promotion and church leadership training.

"We cannot sit down at board headquarters and plan for any people," he says. "But we can--and we do--share reports of God's remarkable blessings and communicate information about projects tried by Baptists of other countries."

Underwood will speak at the First Baptist Church, Hondo, at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 27. He will show films of mission work at 6:30 p.m. and this will be followed by a fellowship meeting in Reid Hall.



Joseph B. Underwood

Here in Hondo

Mrs. Buck Biddle and Terri Beth of Bloomington, Ill. are visiting Mrs. Biddle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Crow.

Castroville offers historical tours

The Castroville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a bus tour of Castroville on the weekend of June 26-27.

The tour will begin at Sep-

tember Square on Highway 90 in downtown Castroville and last one hour, with a guide on each tour pointing out the architecture, history, Alsa-

tian traditions and stories, and other interesting features of that very special place known as Castroville.

The Saturday tour will begin at 10 a.m. and run hourly until 5 p.m. The Sunday tour will begin at 1 p.m. and run hourly until 6 p.m. The charge is 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children under 12 years of age.

You and your group and friends are invited by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce to spend a most enjoyable hour seeing and hearing about Castroville. You will also find out about those special places of interest where you might want to visit on your own.

Here in Hondo

Dennis Munsey, an officer in the Marines, left Sunday for duty in Okinawa. Mrs. Munsey (nee Leona Highsmith) and son, Matthew, will remain in Hondo with her parents, the Leo Highsmiths.

Weather station opening event set

Eagle Pass is close enough to Hondo to make me share its pride in having been recognized by HUD as the furthest advanced of all 146 federal Model Cities projects in the country.

Over the past three years, that border city has reaped \$8 million in federal aid and will now receive close to \$2 million more.

Meantime, I am mindful of the "silver lining" side of our own community's progress and future.

TONY and MARGARET MENDOZA are among my Hondo friends who have June birthdays and let theirs go by without the usual cards.

It isn't too late to share with them (and any others with neglected birthdays) a greeting that I received last year: "Gather ye roses while ye may; they won't look the same when you're old and gray!"

I find they still smell as sweet as they did long ago and I'm enjoying the perfume of those in bloom here as I write.

This week

That's all she wrote

by Edna McDade



An area daily carries a "Cheers & Jeers" column, singling out individuals or happenings that deserve one or the other.

Enclosed herewith are "Cheers" for both SPARKS and the lead story in our June 10th ANVIL HERALD.

The picture of Lucille Hollocher's painting of a wistful-eyed little girl added appeal to BKL's adoption story. I hope that among our readers, some may have kept their hearts tuned in as they read. In Lancaster County, one local adoption agency alone reports this month that 107 couples are waiting for children although only 28 are available. New applicants are advised to count on waiting at least two years!

And, Cheers for JOHN SEATER for turning the drouth doom clouds inside out to reveal their silver lining! What we are willing to SEE is "what we're gonna git" as a current "Flip" remark is being quoted.

Think "positive"!

Through Mrs. I. W. THOMPSON's Natalia news, I noted that C. M. (DICK) MANEY is back home after a hospital "vacation".

About three years ago, I visited the Maneys and wrote a story about these two devoted people who have contributed so much to the good life in their community. I hope they will consider this a special greeting to them.

Part of John's "required reading" includes several rural magazines and I have been checking these for him. A delightful duty for me and I am learning a few things myself, having been trained early to "count that day lost in which you do not learn something!"

For instance, perhaps the power of other advertising had fixed "Keds" in my mind as what we once called "tennis shoes". Now, I learn that KEDS are also wingless insects that crawl over the skin and through the wool of sheep, "causing annoyance". Keds move readily from ewes to lambs, causing stunted growth, poor weight gain and lowered vitality and probably bringing "less scratch" at market.

The story suggested, "For best control measures, consult your county agricultural agent". Which is by way of letting GLENN BRAGG know that I'm looking out for his interests too, as if he didn't have enough to do without ked interference!

My personal problem concerning our US currency is trying to hold on to enough of it to keep up with our increasing HCL. A New York man has expressed his views about our \$10 greenbacks, relative to our dollar" on what he calls "the outmoded view of our US Treasury building and the jalopy parked in front". Also, he wants to know how come only 6 or 7 men are loitering there and no women? He adds, "Do we intend to convey the impression that Washington ladies are in harms?"

The gentleman also suggests that it is time for the Secretary of the Treasury to . . . "replace this vista of Washington with something more recent."

As fellow Texans, maybe we could organize a receiving center to take all those tacky old "tens" off our former Governor's hands, if the New Yorker's suggestion carries?

Eagle Pass is close enough to Hondo to make me share its pride in having been recognized by HUD as the furthest advanced of all 146 federal Model Cities projects in the country.

Over the past three years, that border city has reaped \$8 million in federal aid and will now receive close to \$2 million more.

Meantime, I am mindful of the "silver lining" side of our own community's progress and future.

TONY and MARGARET MENDOZA are among my Hondo friends who have June birthdays and let theirs go by without the usual cards.

It isn't too late to share with them (and any others with neglected birthdays) a greeting that I received last year: "Gather ye roses while ye may; they won't look the same when you're old and gray!"

I find they still smell as sweet as they did long ago and I'm enjoying the perfume of those in bloom here as I write.



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The City of Hondo will ac-
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D'Hanis twirlers

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Recreation program

Tourney winners named

Winners of last week's ping pong tournament were:

First place, Stuart Nienhoffer, Elma Molina, Wayne Cox, Rosemary Rios, John Henby and Cathy Cox; sec-

ond place, Ronnie Horecka, Laurie Laughinghouse, Paul Garcia, Cheryl Cox, Bobby Rios and Edith Ybarra; third place, Freddie Knowles, Stacey Pope, Eddie Arcos, Dia-

Good-byes are difficult to say, and I find in writing this that "thank you" messages are too.

However, I want to express a sincere thank you to all those persons who listened to me over KRME for the year and some months. I made many friends and want them to know I consider them such.

Michael King

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4. I Won't Mention It Again; Ray Price, Columbia
5. Life—Elvis Presley; RCA
6. New York City—Statler Brothers; Mercury
7. Oh, Singer—Jeannie C. Riley; Plantation
8. Me And You And A Dog Named Boo—Stonewall Jackson, Columbia
9. Tomorrow Night In Baltimore—Roger Miller, Mercury
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13. Give Us One More Chance—George Morgan, Stop
14. The Waitress—Ray Pillow; Mega
15. True Love Lasts Forever—Sonny James; Capitol
16. The Right Combination—Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton; RCA
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Senior League Baseball

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
D'Hanis 9 -- Green 8
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Blue 23 -- Bandera 2
(5 1/2 innings)
Red 10 -- Bandera 5
Blue 5 -- D'Hanis 2
Green 7 -- Red 2

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tues., June 25
Blue at Green
Red at Bandera
Wed., June 30
D'Hanis at Green
Thurs., July 1
Red at Blue
Bandera at D'Hanis

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Blue	7	1
D'Hanis	6	2
Green	4	4
Bandera	2	6
Red	1	7



Most improved

Evelyn Winkler holds the trophy presented her Monday night by the Hondo Women's Golf Association as the most improved golfer in 1970. She brought her handicap down four points, from 14 to 10. The presentation was made by President Claire Westbrook. Members also made plans for the Annual Guys and Dolls in October, the Membership Tournament and Labor Day project. They announced the San Antonio Junior Girls played a tournament at Hondo Tuesday. Members also will have an 18-hole and 9-hole tournament each Ladies Day.

'Bucky' Biediger named to Big State Conference team

SEGUIN-- Four Texas Lutheran College players were named to the 12-man Big State Conference team and Bulldog Coach Ray Katt was chosen as Coach of the Year in selections announced recently at a conference athletic committee meeting in Georgetown.

The Bulldogs placed third baseman Greg "Bucky" Biediger, centerfielder David Mueller, utility man Tom Scott and pitcher Don Reichenbach on the mythical team.

In league hitting, Biediger, a rugged athlete from Medina Valley High School, swatted the wood at .389. He drove in 13 runs and scored 11 times,

Four area students earn 'Distinguished' title

Four Hondo area students have earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A & M University, College Station.

The undergraduate honor

Western teams set for Astros

Western Division opponents San Francisco, Atlanta and Cincinnati will visit the Astrodome during the Houston Astros' fifth home stand of 1971, with 10 games schedules in an 11-day span starting Friday, June 25.

One of the highlights of the home stand will be a twin-night doubleheader (two games for one ticket) against the Braves on Monday night, June 28. The first of two schedules doubleheaders in the Astrodome this year, it will start at 5:30 p.m.

Box seats are \$4, reserved seats \$3. Tickets may be ordered by mail by sending check or money order to: Ticket Manager, Box 1691, Houston, Texas 77001. A 25-cent per-order mailing charge should be included.

is awarded students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25 grade-point ratio (out of a possible 4.0) during the grade period.

In addition to a 3.25 or higher G.P.R., a student qualifying for "Distinguished Student" honors must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours and have no grade lower than a "C".

"Distinguished Student" ranking is limited to 10% of Texas A & M's undergraduate enrollment.

Hondo area students are: James Meyer, zoology major, son of Dr. and Mrs. Walter B.

Meyer; Charles Wm. Rothe, agricultural engineering major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Rothe, D'Hanis; Gregory E. Rothe, agricultural engineering major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rothe, D'Hanis, and Patrick T. Seifert, animal science major, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Seifert of 294 Ave. M, Hondo.

McClurg obtained a B.S. degree in pharmacy from the University of Kansas in 1966 and was a practicing pharmacist until he joined Abbott.

He and his wife, Ann, and their son, Christen, make their home at 4900 Sioux, Boulder, Colo.

Here in Hondo

Mr. and Mrs. George Eiband of Crystal City were brief visitors in the home of Mrs. Armin Rothe on Sunday afternoon.

They were returning to their home after spending two weeks getting ac-

quainted with their granddaughter, Dara Louise Eiband of Houston. Dara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Eiband and is also a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Armin Rothe.

McSARP, Inc. blasts Sabinal into orbit

The McSARP, Inc. baseball team of D'Hanis found the going easy Sunday afternoon as they crushed the Sabinal Tigers 21-2 in a 3 p.m. game at D'Hanis High School field.

Threatened by rain clouds at the outset, neither the field nor McSARP's undefeated record were dampened as

the bats of John Bendele, Ray

Bendele, and Greg Rothe pac-

ed the 19-hit attack against

three hits for the Tigers.

Salome Ortega captured his

third win of the season against

no losses as he relieved start-

er Thomas Gonzalez after four

innings.

John Bendele connected for

the only homerun of the game,

Little League Baseball

Dolores Garcia, reporter

The Indians-Astros game was rained out in the bottom of the second inning.

Speedsters and Hornets tied their game with a score of 7 to 7.

The Tigers beat the Indians 16 to 1 behind the pitching of Charlie Arcos. He struck out 14 players and gave up one hit.

The Astros clobbered the Hornets 15-1. Winning pitcher was Rodriguez.

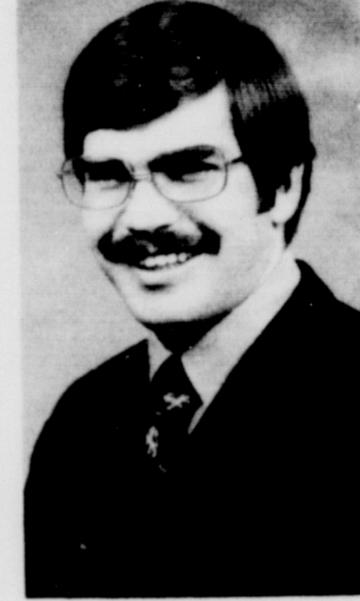
The Tigers beat the Cowboys 10-9 behind the pitching of J. Gonzales.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied
Astros	5	0	
Tigers	6	1	
Hornets	2	3	
Speedsters	1	2	1
Indians	1	3	
Hornets	1	3	2
Cowboys	0	4	1

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Yankees	6	1
Pirates	5	1
Giants	4	3
Aggies	2	4
Braves	2	5
Angels	1	6



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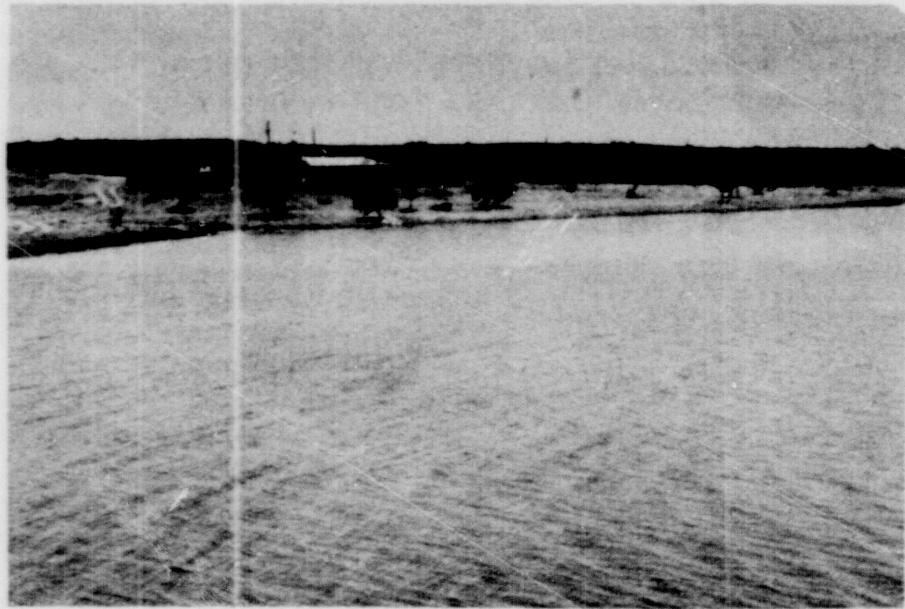


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Anyone considering fish-pond construction should first determine the types of soil he has and its suitability for holding water. The Soil Conservation Service already has the different soils mapped on many farms in Texas. Check with your local SCS office. If the soils on your farm have not been mapped, a soil scientist is available to make this determination and discuss the suitability of your soils for fishpond construction. Also, our engineers will do a more detailed check of the soil while assisting in the layout of the ponds.

TOPOGRAPHY AND SITE SELECTION

The ideal site for catfish farming is one that is fairly flat, yet has enough slope in one direction to permit filling and draining the ponds by gravity flow. This is usually land with a 1-5% slope. Steep, hilly topography should be avoided, if you have a choice, since ponds are more expensive to build on this type land, and there is very limited flexibility in pond system design.

Ponds should either be located up out of the floodplain, or the pond levees built considerably higher than the historic high water mark.

WATER SUPPLY

A dependable supply of good quality water is essential for catfish farming. Water from wells, springs, streams and runoff ponds is suitable if certain precautions are undertaken. It takes lots of water to operate a fish farm. For

the beginner, using well water or spring water, a good rule of thumb to follow in designing a system is that it takes a flow of about 25 gallons per minute per surface acre of pond. In other words, a well producing 1,000 g.p.m. supplies enough water for about 40 surface acres of fish ponds. As the fish producer gains experience, he will learn to safely re-use water and reduce the amount needed per

surface acre of ponds.

Well water, from an overall standpoint, is probably the best source of use for fish farming. This avoids many problems associated with stream or reservoir water, such as the elimination of muddy water, the introduction of trash fish, diseases and parasites, or other forms of polluted water.

Well water often has a high content of dissolved nitrogen or carbon dioxide and a

low concentration of oxygen. This combination of chemicals is deadly to fish, however, it can be easily corrected by aeration of the water. Harmful gases can be dispersed and the water oxygenated by splashing the flow over baffles, through a coarse screen, or spraying it several feet into the air and letting it fall into the pond.

Water from surface sources such as reservoirs or streams

should be filtered to prevent undesirable fish such as carp, shad, buffalo, sunfish or mullet from entering catfish ponds. A saran or fiberglass filter, mesh size MS-904, does a good job of filtering. Filters can be made into a long sock or a box type. Size is determined by the volume of water to be filtered. Sand and gravel filters are not satisfactory for removing unwanted fish or fish eggs.

Application being made for resource conservation and development program for Medina Valley Unit

The Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District along with other Soil Conservation Districts and co-operating with the Alamo Area Council of Government is making an application for a Resource Conservation and Development Project. (RC&D). The area covered by this application is to be Bexar County and each county adjoining Bexar.

This is a new approach to solving the conservation problems within an area. The primary objectives of RC&D projects are: (1) The orderly development, improvement, conservation, and utilization of natural resources of the project area so as to provide employment and other economic opportunities to the people of the area. (2) An opportunity for local leadership to coordinate and utilize facilities and techniques locally available as well as those in

going agricultural programs, and now available under the Food and Agricultural Act of 1962. (3) The extension of this program, project-by-project as local leadership is able to plan and carry out activities necessary for the development, improvement, conservation, and wise use of natural resources.

The organizations and groups to be included in this application are only those entities or agencies having legal authority to sponsor project activities or facilities will be considered as applicants. This includes soil conservation districts, special purpose districts, municipalities, towns, cities, counties and local and state agencies. This does not preclude other groups and organizations from endorsing or recommending the application.

The application is being developed by local people in

the proposed project area with help from the Soil Conservation Service and other local State and Federal agencies. It will be submitted to the State Conservationist. The application is then sent to the Governor or his designated representative by the State Conservationist for review and comment. If comments by the Governor are favorable, the application is forwarded to the Administrator, SCS, accompanied by the recommendation of the State Conservationist.

About six months is considered a maximum period of

time for development of a project plan. However, it is recognized that supplements of amendments may be needed as project activities generate developments that could not be foreseen when the initial plan was prepared.

Cost sharing arrangements can be entered into only with appropriate State and local public agencies. These agencies must have the necessary authority to enter into such agreements or contracts and must be able to provide for operation and maintenance of any improvements created through of cost-share fund.

The natural resources of America are the heritage of the whole nation and should be conserved and utilized for the benefit of all of our people.

The Soil Conservation Service estimates that some 500,000 acres in this country are lost annually from erosion and other forms of land deterioration.

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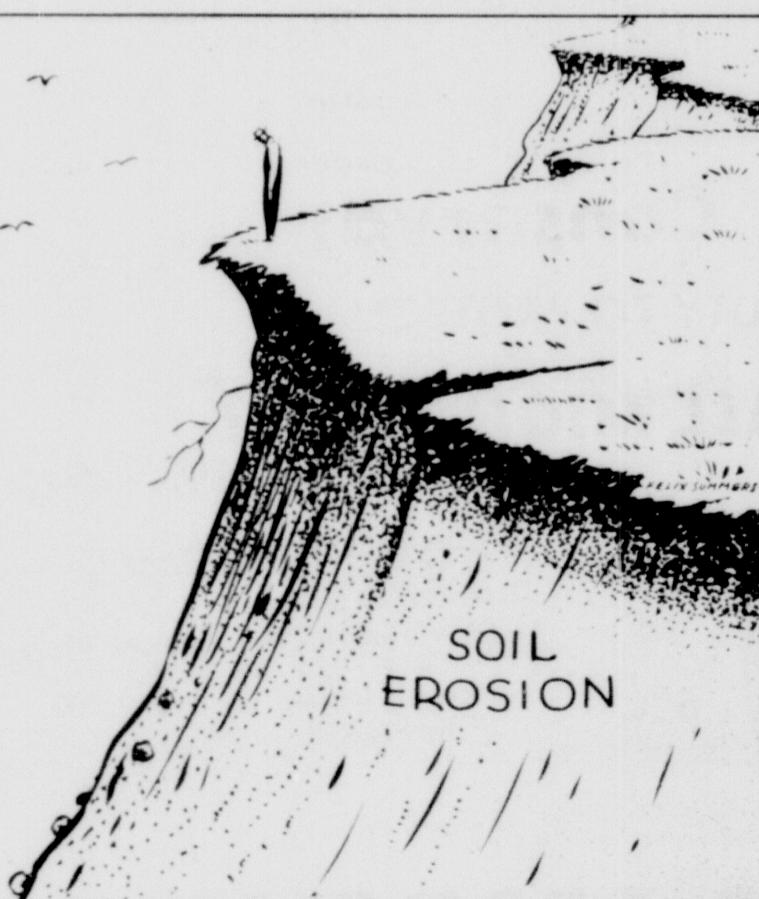
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THINK!

Do you know what soil management is?

What is soil management? To the farmer it might mean leaving crop residues on the surface to protect the soil from the forces of nature. To the rancher it might mean leaving enough grass on the land for the same purpose. Actually soil management is the art of keeping the soil in a healthy condition so it can produce crops for food and clothing.

Soil is dynamic in nature. It is changing all the time. One day it may be too wet and in a few days too dry. At the beginning of a crop season it may test high in plant food and near the end it may be very low. When crop residues are returned to the soil,

there may not be enough available nitrates to feed the bacteria so their growth rate is slowed down resulting in a slow decomposition of the crop residues. These are just a few of the things that take place within the soil within short periods of time.

The basis for soil management begins with a soils map which lists the different kinds of land. This map is prepared on an aerial photograph by a soil scientist who goes over the land and records facts such as depth, texture, permeability, slope and erosion, and other features necessary for soil classification. From this data the soil is given a name and is further interpret-

ed into capability classes. This you might say is the starting place for any conservation plan or land treatment from an agricultural viewpoint.

The first item in any soil management plan is to keep the soil well supplied with organic material. This centers around a conservation cropping system. The system varies according to the needs of individual kinds of soil and/or classes of land. It is based on maintaining a sufficient content of organic material to keep the soil porous, well aerated, and resistant to erosion hazards. Research has shown that it is almost impossible to raise the organic content while a soil is in cultiva-

tion. If the land is "worn out" (the organic content is very low), it may be necessary to put the land in permanent grasses for a few years. It may then be put back into cultivation and the organic matter content maintained if a conservation cropping system is carried out and crop residues are handled properly.

Conservation cropping systems must do more than just take care of the needs of the land. They must also produce food, fiber and financial returns. Some crops are well adapted as both soil building and income producing. Others are considered as soil depleting crops, that is they take out large amounts of plant food, and return small amounts of plant residues. The conservation cropping system includes both types of crops.

The soil building crops are planted at an intensity necessary to offset the bad effects of the soil depleting crops. The rate increases based on the class of land. Class I land may require one soil building crop every fourth year whereas class IV land may require a soil building crop every year. Some crops can be used both as soil building and as cash crops if fertilized and crop residues managed properly. Small grains generally qualify in this group. They offer soil protection for several months each year, have vigorous growing root systems that help to keep the soil open and porous, produce large amounts of crop residues to return to the soil and grain serves as the cash crop. Some years a large amount of growth can be grazed which is also a cash crop in the form of live-

stock or livestock products.

There are many factors that influence soil management. They may change from farm to farm with only a fence separating the areas but if the soil is kept "alive", that is the soil is high in organic matters and biological activity, our problems are few and our opportunities increased. The Soil Conservation Service, working through the Soil and Water Conservation District, is ready to help you classify your land and work with you on your "soil management" problems.

Conservation is ever changing

"Conservation and conservation concepts are an ever-changing thing in light of new technology and farming methods. Constant vigilance is required to shed the habits of yesteryear and bend with these rapidly changing times", according to Kenneth E. Grant, administrator of the Soil Conservation Service in Washington, D.C.

"The conservation system designed for the equipment and farming methods of the forties may not meet the needs of today. Farming today is a complex operation. It is based on the best use of efficient machines and scientifically tailored materials to prepare the land, plant, mature a crop, and harvest it with the least amount of scarce labor. Machinery becomes larger, faster, and more expensive.



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Unpalatable weeds rob soil

Weeds, along with brush, drink up lots of moisture on rangeland. Several of the forbs (weeds) are very palatable and supply good feed to livestock and wildlife. More often weeds found on rangeland where grass is less than what it should be are unpalatable weeds. The shading ef-

fect and great amount of moisture used by weeds further discourages grass growth. This reduces considerably the livestock feed supply on the range.

Prairie coneflower (also called Mexican hat among other common names) is rated by many ranchers as one of the worst. This is a tall erect weed normally 18 to 30 inches at maturity. The seed-head is long, somewhat cone-shaped, with yellow, red, and brown colored petals at the base of the cone.

Prairie coneflowers often grows in a solid stand, covering large areas of generally the most productive rangeland. The weed is a deep rooted perennial. It grows several leaves during winter, and can withstand extreme cold. As soon as temperatures warm in the spring it makes rapid growth, maturing nor-

mally in late May or June. Unless summer rains are above normal, grass will have very little opportunity to grow.

On the most productive soils covered with strong perennials such as prairie coneflower, chemical weed killer, or shredding, may be feasible. Weed killer must be applied to coneflower in the early tender growing stage to be effective. It is too late now for weed spraying to do much good on rangeland. Mowing or shredding will pay on deep soil sites.

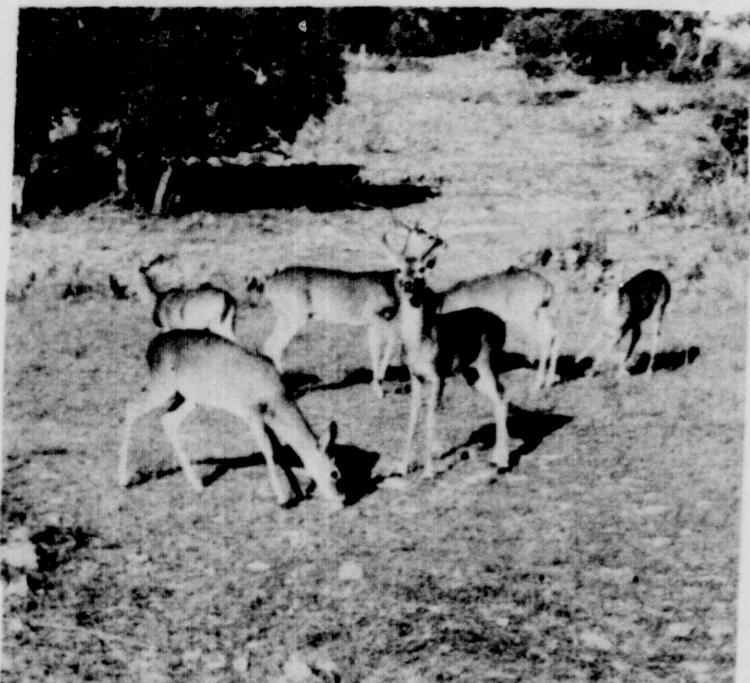
Any means of weed control should be coupled with a good plan for proper grazing use of grass, and a system of rotation-deferred grazing. Grass has the ability to compete successfully with and crowd out most weeds if grass is allowed to remain healthy and vigorous.

A drought plan

As drought conditions grow worse, grass becomes shorter and ranchers wonder just how long they can maintain their present number of stock. This is the plight of many Medina County ranchers who are not systematically deferring their rangeland. However, those individuals who have concentrated on deferment according to a planned system still have rangeland in good condition.

Rotation-deferred grazing is basically a system where one or more grazing units are rested at planned intervals throughout the growing season of key plants and generally no unit is grazed during the same time in successive years. The primary purpose is to maintain or improve the composition of the plant community to permit more yield of plants for grazing, soil protection and improve the efficiency of harvest by grazing.

Many systems such as the three pasture, two herd system and the four pasture, three herd system have been researched and used on ranches for many years. In some instances, these systems have not brought about the desired increase of the better plants. For this reason many people are changing to a three pasture, one herd system. This makes it possible for each pasture to be rested from six to nine months each year. Like all rotation-deferred systems, the key plants in each unit receive rest at planned intervals throughout their growing season and no unit is grazed during the same time in successive years. This particular system takes three years to complete the cycle. With this system as well as all others, it is generally desirable to have sufficient reserve pasture to facilitate such livestock operations as breeding, lambing, calving, and as a source of extra forage.



Managing important

These whitetail deer, shown on a ranch near Medina Lake, point out the importance of managing our grass resources in order to maintain a proper balance between the size of the deer herd and the amount of forage available. Wildlife provide an important source of sport, income and recreation to landowners in Medina County.

All farmers profit by understanding the soil processes

SOILS ARE meant to be alive and, thus, host to billions of living micro-organisms. Born in the soil, micro-organisms feed there, mature there, reproduce their kind there and—eventually—die there. In the course of their life cycle they feed upon themselves, upon organic materials and upon nutrients. In their life cycle they perform miraculous feats. For one thing, they convert organic materials into humus. For another, they transform nutrients into forms usable by the plant as food. They encourage mellow, compact-free soils which accept moisture more readily, retain moisture longer and tend not to crust or crack. They issue challenge to toxic conditions. And their other known and suspected responsibilities number into the multiples. Sometimes, farming as we do, we inadvertently detract from a healthy soil environment. By applying MEDINA Soil Activator to our soil we encourage re-enrichment of the environment by promoting the number, kinds and activity of micro-organisms. And it has been repeatedly demonstrated that MEDINA Soil Activator also yields great influence on foliage—promoting greener healthier leaves and increasing their light-receiving cells.

Q: What is MEDINA Soil Activator?

A: The label shows small traces of Iron, Zinc and Magnesium in a soil pH of 2. However, what the label does not show is of much more importance, because the key to MEDINA Soil Activator results is the fact the product contains the essentials for micro-organism metabolism. These essentials include P amino-benzoic acid, Riboflavin, Thiamine, Biotin, Nicotinic acid, Manganese, Boron, Molybdenum, Iodine and others. These essentials are carried in a catalyst—a promoter of change without itself appreciably changing—that is an abstract from blue-green algae (sometimes referred to as Nitrogen platy crystals).

Q: How effective is MEDINA Soil Activator in promoting the kinds, numbers and activity of soil micro-organisms?

A: A noted Houston laboratory took a gram of soil and tested it for micro-organism cells. It contained a 760,000 cell count. Without changing the test controls, MEDINA Soil Activator was added in the recommended amount. Just 48 hours later, the count had expanded to 960,000,000 cells.

Soils should be alive. As many as 1 million protozoans, 8,000,000 algae, 1 million fungi and 20 million bacteria may inhabit a single gram of soil. The actual total weight of invisible living organisms in an acre plow slice of soil should be from 10,000 to 50,000 pounds.

Q: Does MEDINA Soil Activator contain live organisms?

A: No. No live organisms. And this is very important as Medina will not lose its punch when exposed to sunlight or air. In tests conducted at the Blackland Experiment Station near Temple, Tex., the number of colonies of organisms increased by some 300 per cent in two weeks under natural conditions. Where living organisms were applied, they cycled in a week or less and began dying off. However, when MEDINA Soil Activator was applied, the numbers were accelerating when the tests were concluded.

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Pond construction, water quality and

Water Depth

Levee type ponds should be constructed so as to maintain a water depth between three feet and six feet. Deeper water has very few advantages. It simply takes more water to fill deep ponds, and then the pond has to be drained or partially drained for harvest. Ponds six feet or less in depth can be almost completely harvested without draining. A three foot minimum depth is needed to maintain a suitable water temperature during the summer and to control cattail, bullrush and other aquatic vegetation.

Embankment Construction

Levees should be constructed with a slope of 3:1 on the water side and 2:1 on the outside. Large ponds which parallel the prevailing wind direction for long stretches will probably need a flatter inside slope to keep wave action erosion to a minimum.

The base of the levee should be clear of all trees, stumps, limbs and roots so a water-tight bond between fill and base will be made. Clay subsoils with a sandy topsoil need a core trench four feet wide and deep enough to penetrate the impervious subsoil to prevent lateral seepage.

A levee on at least one side of each pond should be wide enough for a road. It should have the necessary toppling, either sand, gravel, caliche or shell, to make it an all-weather road. Remember the fish have to be fed daily. Slick, muddy clay levees can make this a difficult chore during wet weather.

The road levee should be

a minimum of 10 feet wide and preferably 12 to 15 feet. The roadway not only must accommodate a truck or a farm tractor and trailer, but men have to work on each side of the vehicle. Feed has to be unloaded; nets, seines and other harvesting equipment will be handled at the side of the vehicle. Wide levees are more expensive to construct; however, a workable, labor-saving system must be constructed to have an efficient, competitive operation.

Pond Bottom

Borrow ditches should be located outside the pond, or if inside, gently graded into the pond bottom to permit seining.

Most fish harvesting is done by periodically seining undrained ponds. 80-90% of the fish may be removed from the ponds this way. The remaining 10-20% is harvested by complete drainage of the pond. Therefore, it is imperative that the pond bottom be clean and smooth.

The entire bottom of the pond should be free of trees, stumps, brush and other debris. The bottom should be graded and sloped into a harvest basin. The basin is located at the drainpipe. It should be approximately two feet deeper than the surrounding area and cover about 10% of the pond bottom.

SUMMARY

Good natural resources of tight soils, fairly flat topography and a good water supply are essential to having a successful fish farm. With these resources, a pond system can be designed to meet



Reviews plans

Vernon C. Grunewald, Soil Conservation Service technician reviewing conservation plan with Virgil Boehme on his place prior to staking a farm pond. Those in photo are: L

-R, Fred Schueling, contractor; Vernon Grunewald, conservation technician; Virgil Boehme, landowner; and Mike Dike, soil scientist.

the needs and desires of each fish producer.

A well designed pond system is protected from flooding. It has a separate water intake and drain for each pond. Levees are constructed in such a manner so as to make the ponds readily accessible and workable. Pond bottoms are designed with every consideration for ease of harvesting the fish crop.

Soil scientists, engineers, biologists and other personnel of the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies represented here are ready to assist landowners in the Tenth Congressional District and other parts of the State evaluate the

ir resources and design efficient, workable fish farms.

The success or failure of many fish farming enterprises is determined before the farmer even builds his first pond or buys his first fish. Most of the time this is unknown to the new fish farmer. He either learns this a few months later, when he has many dollars less than when he started; or after a year or so of operation, he looks back on his successful enterprise and says, "Boy, I sure lucked out on that one."

There are certain basic natural resources needed to have a successful fish farm. With the right combination of soils, topography and water

supply, there is no reason why an efficient system cannot be designed. If a farmer lacks any one of these resources -- good soils, good topography, or good water supply -- he is doomed to failure and a financial loss.

I would like to briefly discuss each one of these resources, then discuss pond system design and pond construction.

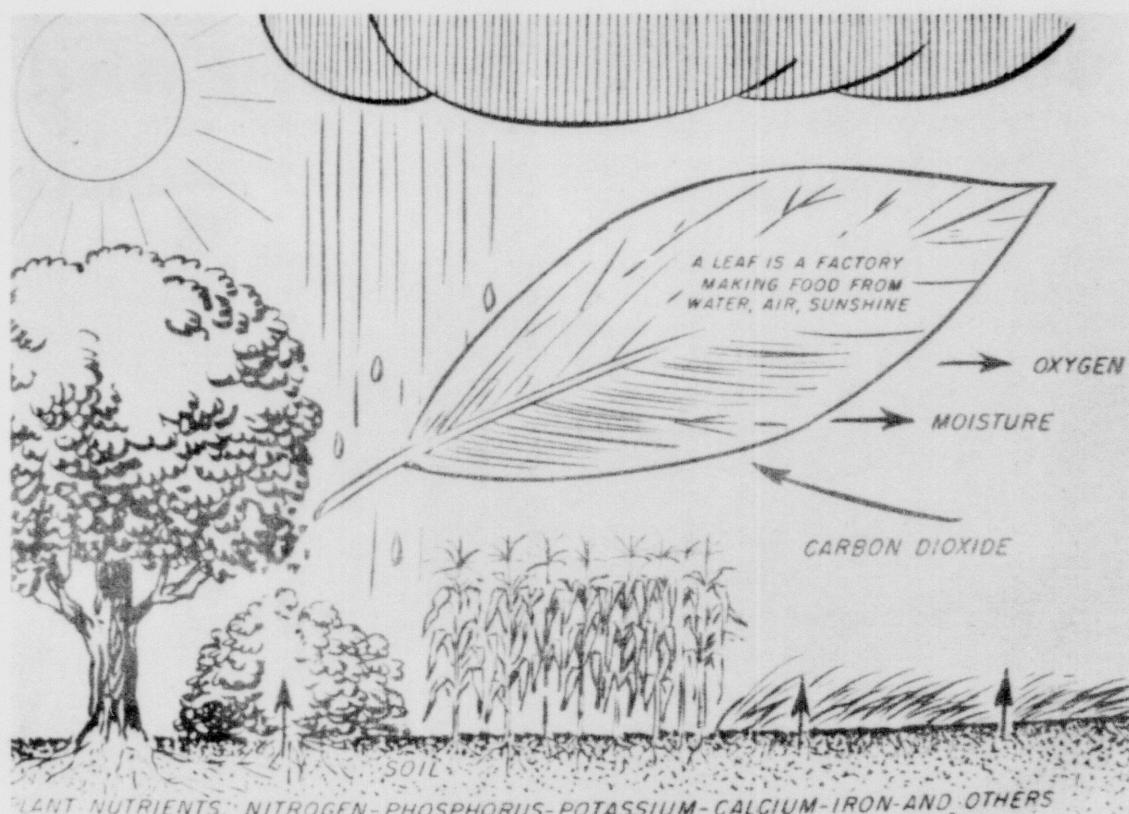
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Soils for catfish ponds must be tight enough to prevent excess seepage and water loss. Most clay, silty clay or silty clay loam soils hold water best and are good material for levees or dams. The depth of this relatively impervious

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Leaves manufacture food

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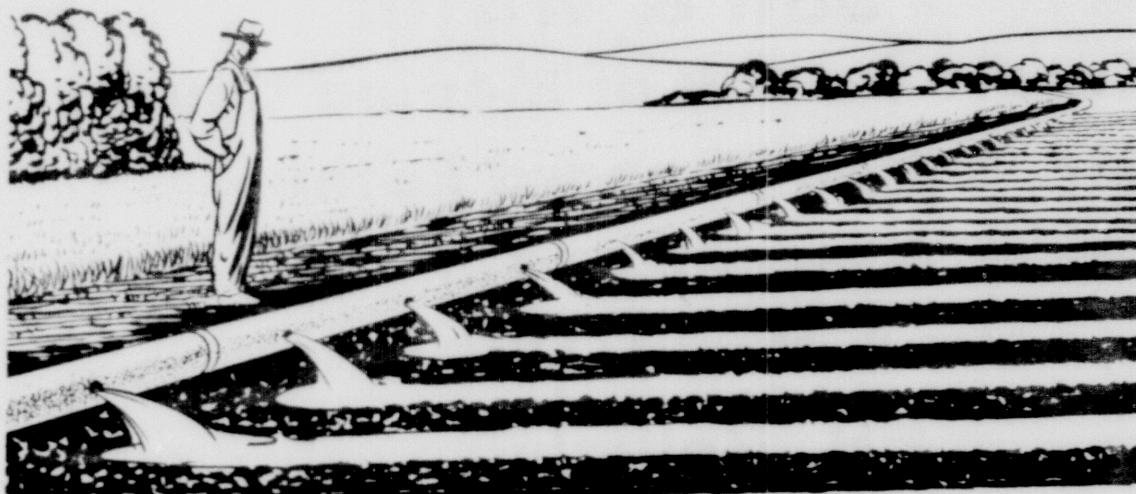
sufficient water and with energy from sunlight, a plant reduces air pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide and giving off fresh oxygen.



Soils show difference

Shown are two samples of soil which show the deterioration of good soil tilth in the one on the left due to 40 years of soil depleting cropping systems as contrasted to the porous soil

on the right taken where a good conservation cropping system which included grass rotation was used. Note the difference in color and structure of the samples.



"Burn down our cities and leave our farms, and our cities will spring up again as if by magic. But destroy our farms and grass will grow in the streets of every city in



Those crooked rows

Parallel terraces on the Erwin Lutz farm north of D'Hanis. Construction is being made with a maintainer. Level ridge parallel terraces hold extra water that add to crop production.

Perhaps one of the greatest needs of many landowners in our District is the construction of terraces.

In an area where the normal rainfall is approximately 28 inches each year, many crops are lost due to failure of one rain. In many instances this can be prevented by the construction of terraces and farming on the contour.

Farmers usually resent the crooked rows but fail to realize the added production from holding extra moisture from rains.

In the past three to four years, the Soil Conservation

Service has gone to parallel terraces. This terrace system leaves the land adequately protected, and there are an equal amount of rows between each terrace. All point rows fall at the high and low part of the fields. No point rows are found between the terraces.

Miles of parallel terraces have been constructed in our District and we feel that a great improvement has been given to landowners with this fine conservation practice. Not only is erosion of soil prevented, but each acre produces more and pays for the construction of parallel terraces.



Examines soil

Michael L. Deike, SCS soil scientist from Hondo, is shown as he examines a soil in a pit dug on a farm near Quihi in Medina County. Soil Scientists for the Soil Conservation Service have identified more than 40 major soil types in Medina County and have classified them according to a national system of Soil Survey Classification.

"Human nature will not flourish, any more than a potato, if it be planted and replanted, for too long a series of generations, in the same worn-out soil."

--Nathaniel Hawthorne

SCS men, fewer in number than an Army division spread out across a couple billion acres, are helping farmers do a tremendous job.

Bonnard Rothe holds long record of soil

Bonnard Rothe was selected as the outstanding conservation Farmer-Rancher for 1970 of the Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District.

Bonnard was born at D' Hanis, Texas and has spent most of his life on the ranch dealing with livestock, ranching and farming. He began his ranching on a 2,525 acre ranch, which he inherited, a little over 25 years ago. Since then he has purchased two additional places, one of 640 acres and another 550 acres.

All of these places have been improved and are continually being made a showplace for conservation minded people.

The Medina Valley S&WC D began operation in 1949 and Bonnard was one of the first to take advantage of the technical knowledge available through the District. A conservation plan was developed on the 2,525 acre ranch in 1949. A conservation plan was developed with Bonnard on the 640 acre farm and ranch he purchased in 1952. Again, in 1962 he purchased 550 acres which a conserva-



Before conservation

Some of the first brush control work done on Bonnard Rothe's ranch. This was rootplowed and seeded with one pound per acre of blue panic grass. The plowing and seeding was done in March of 1957.

tion plan was developed. The plans that has been made by Bonnard on these three places have been carried out under a regular schedule. At present 90% of all the conservation practices that has been planned have been carried out.

At present Bonnard has 329 acres of cropland. The cropping system consist of corn, grain sorghum and small grain. These crops are rotated so that the same crop is not grown on the same land more than two years in succession. The residue from these crops is shredded and mulched into the soil surface for protection from soil erosion when no crops are being grown.

He has converted 123 acres of cropland to grassland by establishing it to coastal bermudagrass. The coastal is fertilized each year to improve the grazing value. By having this improved grass he is able to rest more of the rangeland during the growing season. Good management is used when grazing this grass so that there is always a good cover on the ground for protection from soil erosion.

The rangeland is mostly in the Edwards Plateau and the transitional area between the Rio Grande Plains and the Edward Plateau. Over much of the rangeland of Texas such grasses as big bluestem, switchgrass, and Indian grass,

were eliminated many years ago. These names bring back memories of the "good old days" and to see these grasses many ranchers must look in a book, but here they are a reality. They will be found on this ranch in association with such other excellent grasses as Texas Cupgrass, little bluestem, sideoats grama, plains lovegrass, Canada wildrye, and many others of importance to the rancher.

These excellent grasses are not kept on his ranch by accident. He knows that deep rooted high producing grasses furnish much more and better quality grazing than the smaller grasses and brush. He knows that grass is the most economical feed that livestock require. These deep rooted grasses thrive during droughty periods when the poorer grasses are dormant. Only one half of the annual production of these grasses is harvested by livestock, in order that the grasses may maintain an adequate food reserve, so essential in maintaining vigor and productivity. Bonnard knows that these deep rooted grasses, when properly grazed, will act as a sponge in keeping the rain where it falls. He knows that the water that runs down the creek is lost to him forever.

On the three places there have been 1,150 acres of brush control work carried out. He has rootplowed 636 acres and chemically sprayed 514 acres. Each acre has been seeded to an improved grass such as blue panic, K.R. bluestem and sideoats grama.

The brush has been sprayed twice with 2-4-5-T and even then the kill was not to his satisfaction. So, Bonnard got busy and rigged up a hand sprayer and gone over each acre again by hand. The last spraying has killed most of


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the mesquite and other less important brushes.

Water has been developed in each pasture so the entire area can be evenly grazed.

There are abundance of deer, turkey, quail and dove on this place and they all have been considered in the conservation plan. Each place has a group of hunters that have never failed to get their limit of fat deer and turkey. Deer live only off the grass and browse plants located on the place. There is no feeding of wildlife. Even during periods of dry weather the deer have abundance of feed.

Bonnard is a member of the D' Hanis Lions Club, the Texas Hereford Association, is ASC Community Committee-man, member of the D' Hanis Catholic Church, and a D' Hanis school trustee. Bonnard

Predictions

The trend of irrigation will perhaps continue to increase in the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District.

With many new wells drilled this year, and more scheduled in the next few weeks, technicians of the Soil Conservation Service predict that more and more fences will be removed from property lines as the land tends to turn more in the irrigation field.

The future points to a necessary regulation toward a control of water lifted from the Edwards Limestone formation and better control of water applied on irrigating crops.

The future will bring controls that will balance the proper amount of acre feet of water to properly irrigate a given amount of areas. Con-

has taken part in the little league baseball. He has been Manager of the D' Hanis ball team for 8 years. He has coached the Pony League ball team, and the Babe Ruth ball team of Hondo. All in all Bonnard is always in the thick of things when there is some Civic work to be done.

Mrs. Rothe has gone hand in hand with Bonnard in all phases of his program. She stands by him and helps him make decisions on what conservation works need to be carried out next. We feel that Mrs. Bonnard Rothe summed up the philosophy of conservation very neatly when she said, "We don't think that we 'own' the land. We are merely trusted with the use of it for awhile, and we intend to pass it on to our son in better condition than that in which we received it, if possible."

Predictions

trolled by a required water meter, the landowners turn to a point of high efficiency for if he wastes or over-irrigates, some of his acres will be without irrigation water.

Actually, the supposed handicap will not effect those who use water efficiently, but will serve as a costly burden for those who waste water.

It is believed that water control structures will be of key importance in the near future, and the construction of dams in suitable sites appears promising.

Water plays a key role in the survival of all human, plant and animal life. It is well for us to remember that none can survive without our great natural resource, water.



After conservation

A group on a conservation tour observing rangeland that had been rootplowed and seeded to blue panic

grass in 1957. This was seeded at the rate of one pound per acre. The blue panic made a good stand and native grasses are coming back.



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Our physical world is made of soil, water, plants, animals, light and air. They furnish our food, clothing, shelter and energy. From these natural resources we fashion our environment. Conservation of these resources keeps us healthy and comfortable.

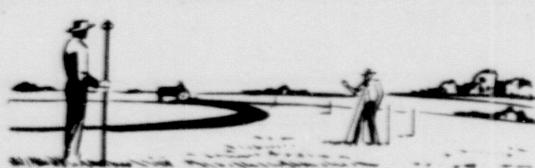
Modern technology seeks and finds new ways to harness resources. The resources themselves change only as we exert control over them -- for

better or for worse. New conservation technology points toward improvement of environment for man. He is the key.

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Modern soil surveys list these hazards and capabilities. Facts on which to base sound judgement may be found in the soil survey:

1. To build your house on stable soil is to set it on firm foundation; on soils that shrink or swell, the floors may crack.

2. To plant your shrubs or crops on heavy clay may mean they won't grow; or

your soil may be just right for them.

3. Eroded farm land usually grows good grass or trees, but it may be a poor risk for grain.

4. The park in a floodplain may have a mud problem. On slopes it may need a cover of grass to keep down erosion.

I have sat and watched America become "civilized" without uttering a word, but now I must speak before "civilization" destroys me.

I like to think back to the "good ole days" when I was rich, strong, useful and full of life. I can well remember the thick, dark layers of organic matter that once I boasted of. How that I was a welcome host for billions of tiny bacteria that worked in me and gave me life. I was a refuge for thousands of different kinds of grasses which infiltrated me with their root systems and found life. It's pleasant to remember the clear, clean water that once flowed through my veins and

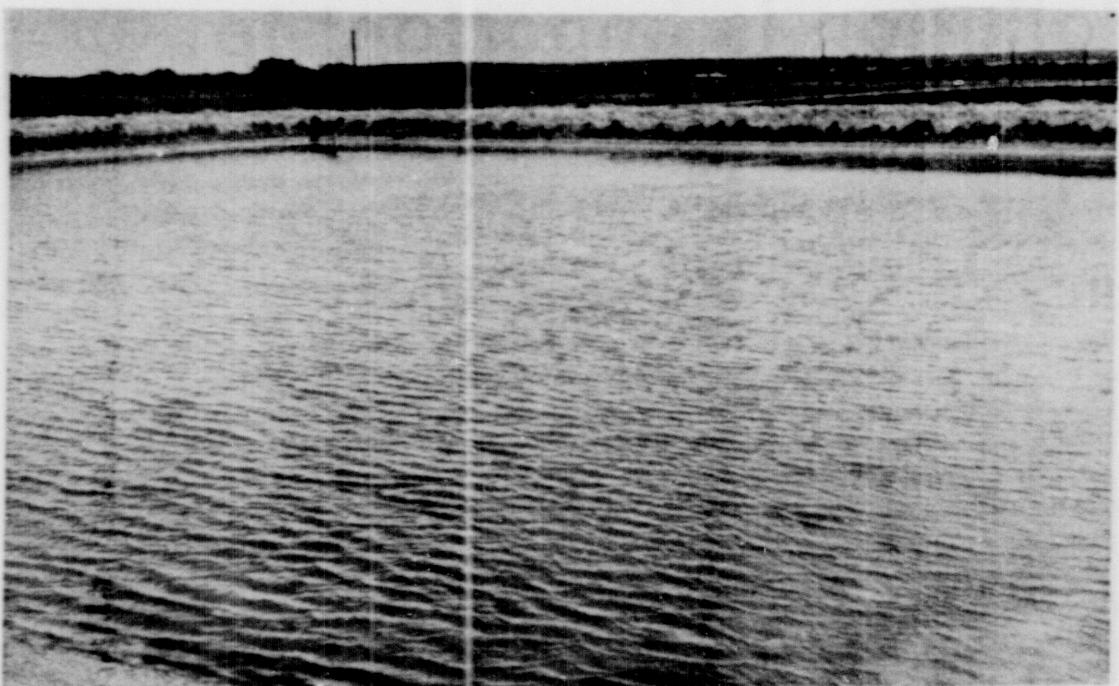
Planning and acting together today for sound land use will do more than improve yields and increase farm income. The soil and water that is conserved today will be invaluable to us tomorrow. Soil and water conservation truly is a must if we are to keep this a land of plenty.

how I was able to store large amounts of it in my body in order to supply the plants in times of drought. When the blizzards came I was warm and snug beneath the grasses that covered me, and when the scorching sun threw its heat at me, the grasses were always there to protect me and keep me cool. I once was somebody, somebody who was respected, somebody who was useful, but now it seems that I too have been forgotten.

Just look at me now that I have been "civilized". I am unhealthy, sickly, deformed and weak. Without the protection of the grasses the dreaded cancer of erosion eats away at my body continually. Now that I have been stripped of my clothing the winters are so cold that the bacteria are no longer able to live in me and give me strength. Each year it becomes increasingly hard to breathe as the organic matter is depleted and heavy machinery packs me tighter and tighter. I no longer have a capacity to store water and because of this it too has become my enemy.

I don't know how much longer I can continue to endure this torture without being completely destroyed. Perhaps man will some day open his eyes. It's not too late yet, but his time grows shorter and shorter each day.

One fact remains clear in my mind. If I die civilization dies. My closest friends, the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, realize this and are doing everything within their power to keep me from perishing, and give me new life. They need your assistance and cooperation.



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Pollution is a never ending problem that has increased with the population "boom" and the spread of new businesses and industries. There is seldom a day when we do not hear the word "pollution" mentioned in conversations, on the radio, through the TV media, or printed in newspapers and other publications.

One phase of the pollution problem has become an important subject in the area. It is connected with, and will affect one of the largest business and industries in this county, swine and beef production.

The Texas Water Quality Board personnel are consulting with owners and operators of feedlot operations on their pollution problems.

Assistance to landowners with the problem of pollution abatement in connection with feedlot operations or new proposed feedlot plans is one of the many types of services being provided by the Soil Conservation Service through the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Soil Conservation Service is assisting landowners in this work unit, as well as adjoining areas, on their feedlot pollution problems.

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This assistance consists of practices and measures that will fit in with conservation of the soil and water. The practices may include: diversion terraces to divert all outside water away from the feedlots, diversion terraces and waterways with vegetated channels to carry runoff from the feedlots into a storage pond, a pond to store the expected runoff from the feedlot area for a storm over a 24-hour period and a 25-year frequency, and the establishment of pastureland to be used for irrigation using the stored runoff waste water.

The Texas Water Quality Board has certain requirements on the soils and water infiltration rates. The Soil Conservation Service furnishes the landowners with a plan map showing the soil series found on his property. They do not have the facilities to make tests or determinations on the feasibility of the soils to meet the Texas Water Quality Board specifications. It is the responsibility of the landowner to take his own soil samples and have them tested in soil laboratories. The laboratories are located in Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth and other cities.

The results of the tests from the laboratories are then furnished to the Texas Water Quality Board with the application for a permit. This information will be used at the hearings when the permit is discussed and reviewed. Along with these tests, the application will include a proposed pollution abatement system plan which has been prepared with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service or a private engineer.

If the Texas Water Quality Board has determined that you have a pollution problem on your feedlot, your local Soil Conservation Service is available to help work out a conservation plan to assist in abating the pollution problem.

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Dry Periods Give Advantage

During dry periods the conservation farmer has the advantage over the other farmers. In the first place he farms so that when it does rain the soil profile is filled before water runs off. When water does run off it is clean, not filled with silt, caused by erosion. Erosion causes the loss of plant food, minerals and the soil becomes hard to cultivate.

The Conservation rancher is a person who manages his grazing so that not more than 50 percent, by weight, of the better grasses will be grazed each year. By maintaining a grass cover, less soil is lost from erosion, more grass is produced and you will have fewer brush problems. The Conservation rancher controls his brush so more grass can be produced. He never overstocks, he rotates grazing between pastures,

keeping one deferred at all times and keeps his herd flexible enough so that during dry periods he can reduce animal units to fit forage production.

The dry weather has caused ranches to enlarge ponds or build new ones. Some of the landowners that have completed ponds are: Oscar Karm, Ward Boehme, Carl Blin, A.L. Gilliam and Boehme Bros. of Castroville Area. These ponds are built to provide adequate livestock water for better distribution of grazing.



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Farm ponds important

This is the beautiful lake that is used for livestock water and also fish production. The land and lake is owned by Mrs. Evelyn Collins. Livestock

ponds should always be utilized for fish and recreation wherever possible.

Approximately 1100 ponds have been constructed in the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District since the year 1949. Throughout the District these ponds supply the needed water for livestock and wildlife, so essential to landowners.

Dry weather often handicaps the water needs of landowners.

Perhaps the greatest loss of a pond can be contributed to silt and the movement of soil from grassland. This erosion of our valuable topsoil is very costly to landowners. Not only does the erosion lower the production and fertility of the grassland, but fills the ponds with silt that allows less capacity for water.

During the present dry weather, many ponds that are drying up are not inadequate but are over-loaded with silt caused by over-grazed grassland. Some ponds have inadequate drainage due to other ponds being installed on the same acres of drainage.

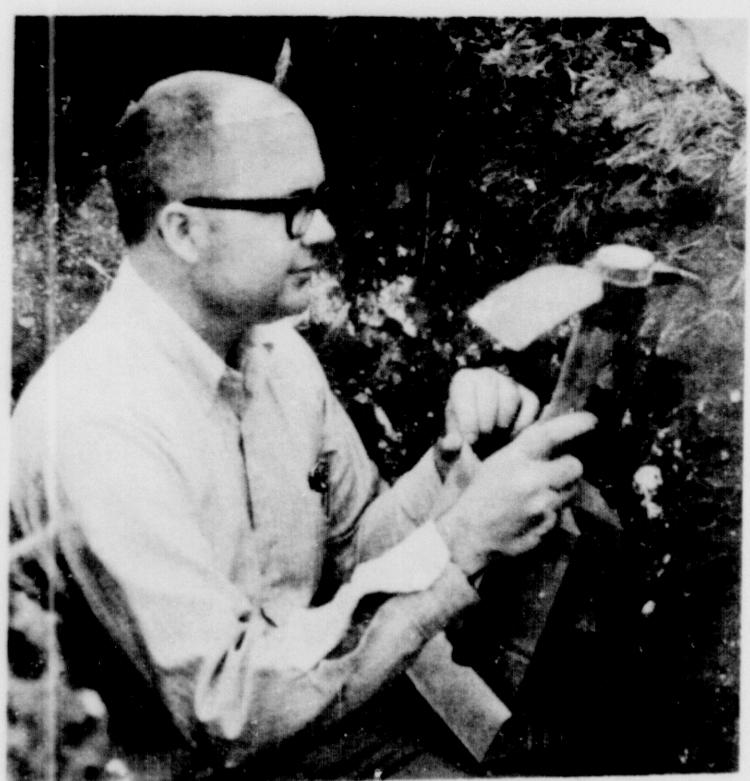
One of the most important requirement of a pond is that the soil have sufficient clay to contain the water. After locating a suitable clay, adequate drainage should be available to fill the ponds at least twice in an average yearly rainfall.

The size of the pond should be determined by the acres of drainage entering the pond.

As near as possible, the pond should be so located as to be near the center of the pasture to be grazed by livestock.

Many times a pipeline can be more economical bringing water from a well or storage tank in an adjoining pasture.

Livestock water is of key importance of all landowners, and can normally be solved with careful consideration of all factors that control runoff water.



Collects samples

Glenn Dittmar, soil survey leader for the Medina County Soil Survey, is shown as he collects a soil sample from a pit in northern Medina County. Information is being collected on all soils in Medina County and will be compiled into a written report to be published in the coming months.

Enhance wildlife

Soil and water conservation work on the land enhances the wildlife habitat. We have more kinds and greater numbers of game birds, game mammals, fur bearers and game fish in the United States today than were here at the beginning of this century. To a great extent their increases are the result of various conservation practices, such as proper grazing use and deferred grazing on rangeland, contour farming, terracing, grassed waterways, crop rotation and crop residue management on cropland.

All of these practices benefit wildlife by providing food

and cover. We now have more than 1.5 million man-made ponds, reservoirs and watershed lakes that provide homes for water fowl. Many of these are in areas that had little or no fishing 50 or 100 years ago.

We have thousands of miles of vegetated fence rows, terraces, windbreaks, shelter belts, field borders and grassed waterways that provide food and shelter to wildlife. For more information on the development of your wildlife, contact the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District or the local Soil Conservation Service office.



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Observe Farm Safety week in July

We, of the Soil Conservation would like to remind you of National Farm Safety Week July 25, 1971.

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We find today that our ag-

riculture industry has become a fully realized technology, and we control its present and future value for generations to come.

Thus, there is sharp irony in the fact that the farming and ranching industry, so accomplished in the scientific nature of plant and animal life, remains among the in-

dustries in which human life is so precarious and accident rates are high.

Each year in the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District, there are hands, fingers, and all kinds of accidents that affect our lives, or the ones that surround us.

The farming and ranching industry abounds in poten-

tial hazards -- powerful machinery, exposed working condition, physical demanding jobs, livestock, snakes, and many others.

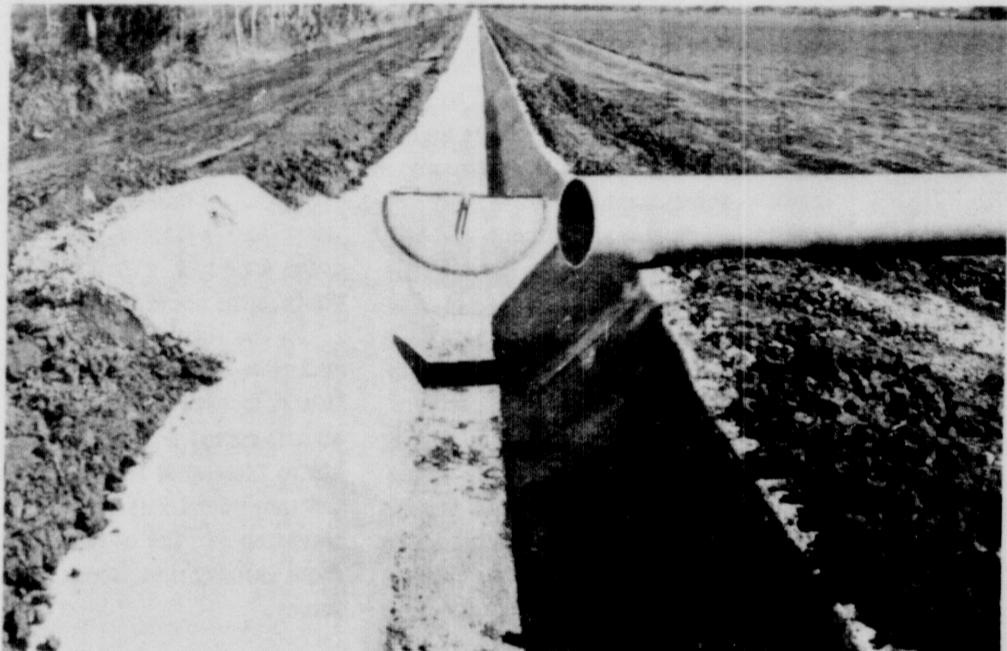
Experience has proven that caution, following common sense rules, and avoiding "rush orders" can help control many accidents and injuries.

All who live on American

farms and ranches owe it to themselves, to their families, and to the nation that depends on them, to always put "Safety" first.

The land we have in the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District is very productive. Let us all strive to perform our work safely and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Farming AND Ranching



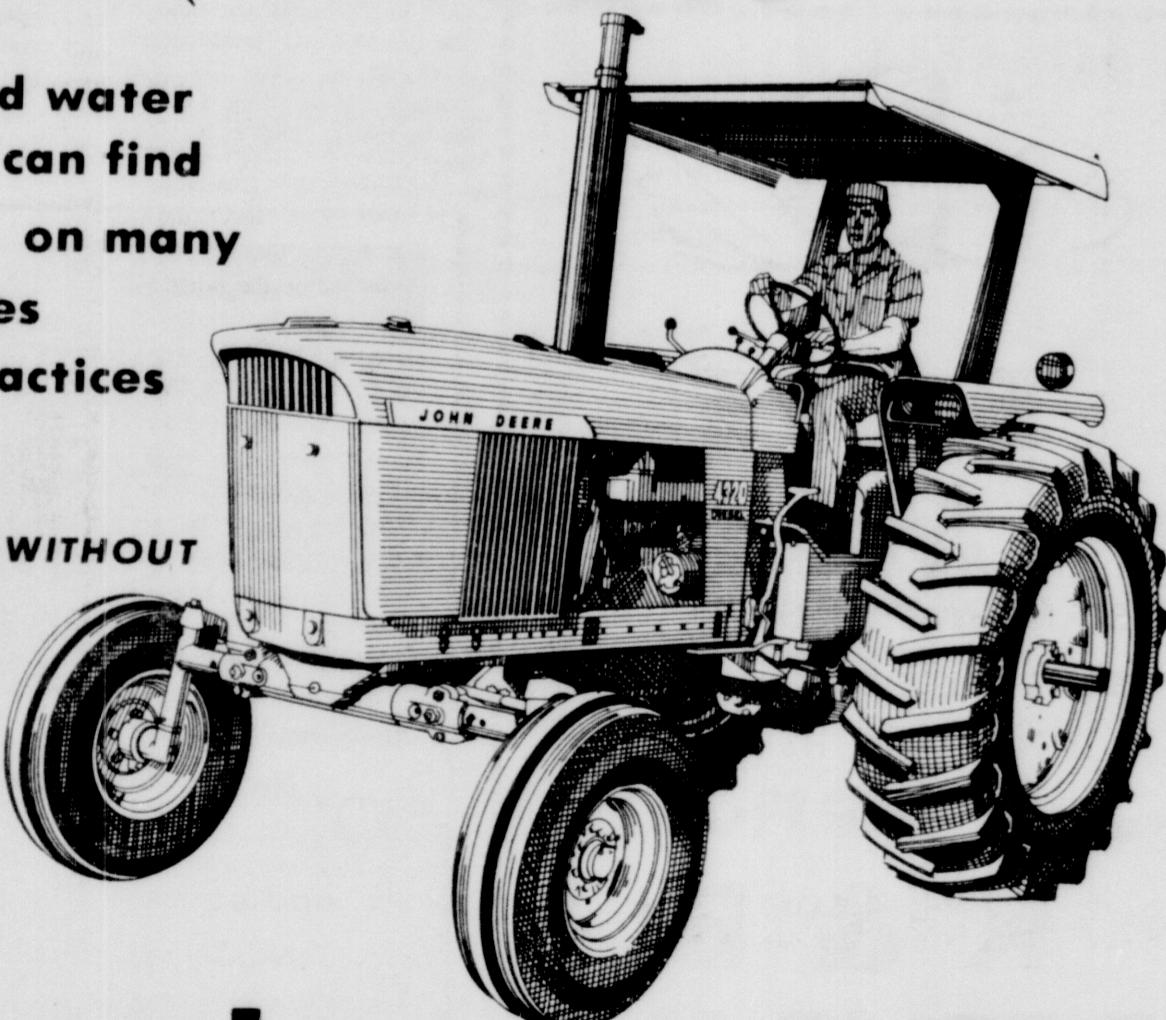
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Grasses are most important forage plants

Grasses are the most important forage plants for the production of livestock. Because of the current dry weather grasses are not going to

produce as much forage during 1971 as they would if they had gotten off to a good start. A pasture does not produce the same amount of feed each

year. Rainfall varies tremendously from year to year, not only in amount but in time and intensity also. Three consecutive years of clipping tests showed yields of 1361 pounds, 980 pounds and 371 pounds per acre.

Therefore, trying to stock at a rate considered normal will surely bring on disaster in years of low production unless we have carried over some reserve grass to cushion the extreme years. We know that we are going to have years of low production so why not plan for them. This can be done by reducing the herd by 30 to 40 percent of the number usually carried on the farm or ranch. During years of high production calves can be held to heavier weights, more replacements kept over or stocker animals purchased.

Brush control, maximum water utilization, deferred grazing and proper range management by adjusting grazing to available forage have all proved to be most profitable and practical investments for ranchers.

Ranchers use the following guidelines toward more successful ranching.

1. Basic production is

grass and investments in improvement and restoration of grass are more important even than investments in improved breeding sires or any other investment on the ranch.

2. Restoration of present acreage is more practical than trying to purchase additional acreage.

3. Adjusting stocking rate to forage supply is basic to everything planned on the ranch.

4. This adjustment must necessarily be made before either range or stock suffer. Recognize that the range always suffers first and it can happen before we can detect it.

5. Above all, don't get "married" to livestock but rather always keep at least a portion of this stock as expendables in critical drought periods.

6. Deferment is never a loss of forage -- merely a period for increasing plant vigor and a forage supply for later use.

7. An orderly system of marketing stock is most urgent rather than continually trying to "outguess" the market.

8. There is no one poorer than a rancher who is always out of grass.

9. It is the rain you keep that counts, for unless we are efficient in this we can't even hope to succeed in the others.

The basic resource of a rancher is grass. Management of grass should be more important to him than any other management decisions he makes. If the management is good for the grass, it is good for the rancher. Grass is a renewable resource. Brush thickets can be transformed into lush grass lands by brush control, reseeding and proper grass management.

Nature has endowed the grass plant the ability to produce more than what it needs to sustain and reproduce itself. This is usually 50% by weight of the years growth of the plant. If we continually allow grazing animals to take off more than this one-half, the plant becomes weakened and finally dies.

Man must not tell the land that it is going to produce grass for a given number of livestock. Man must learn to look at the grass and determine after considering the needs of the grass and the land how many animals he should allow to use the land.

The Soil Conservation Service in Hondo has technicians trained in grass management that will be glad to help you recognize the signs that the land uses to tell us what it needs.

These technicians can't make it rain, but they can show you how to make the rain you do get do more good.

Conditions

A major factor in the improvement of rangeland is determining the amount of forage available for use by animals. To accomplish this we must know the kind of grasses present and how much increase we can expect.

A range site is a distinctive kind of rangeland with a definite potential for producing range plants. The range site keeps its capacity to reproduce these plants only as long as the environment remains unchanged. The type of site is determined by the type of soil present which will, in turn influence the kinds of plants that will grow there.

Range condition is the present state of the vegetation compared to that of the original plants for a particular range site. Determining the condition of a range site provides a measure of any deterioration that has taken place in the plant cover, and thereby provides a basis for knowing the degree to which the composition of the present plant community has departed from the original plant cover.

These classes are: Excellent--having 76-100 percent of the original plants, Good--having 51-75 percent of the original plants, Fair--having

26-50 percent of the original plants, and Poor--having 0-25 percent of the original plants.

This range appraisal is essentially an economic and ecological evaluation of range resources. Putting a range site in a certain condition class enables a rancher to know the capability of different kinds of rangeland in terms of the kind of forage it can be expected to produce. This allows him to appraise its present condition in relation to the potential that can be expected.

As range sites and condition are determined with the rancher, initial stocking rates are assigned to each condition class for each site based on allowing livestock to graze 50 percent of the available forage each year. Range site and range condition surveys are not used to determine the initial stocking rates, based on information obtained from properly grazed range, are applied to adjoining range with similar sites and condition.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service are assisting the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District in working with ranchers to help them determine their range condition and plan practical grazing systems.

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Medina County farmers testing no-tillage farming

No tillage farming is a whole new kind of agriculture, and good or bad, two Medina Valley Soil Conservation District farmers are trying it. No-tillage means that the only direct work done is to plant the crop.

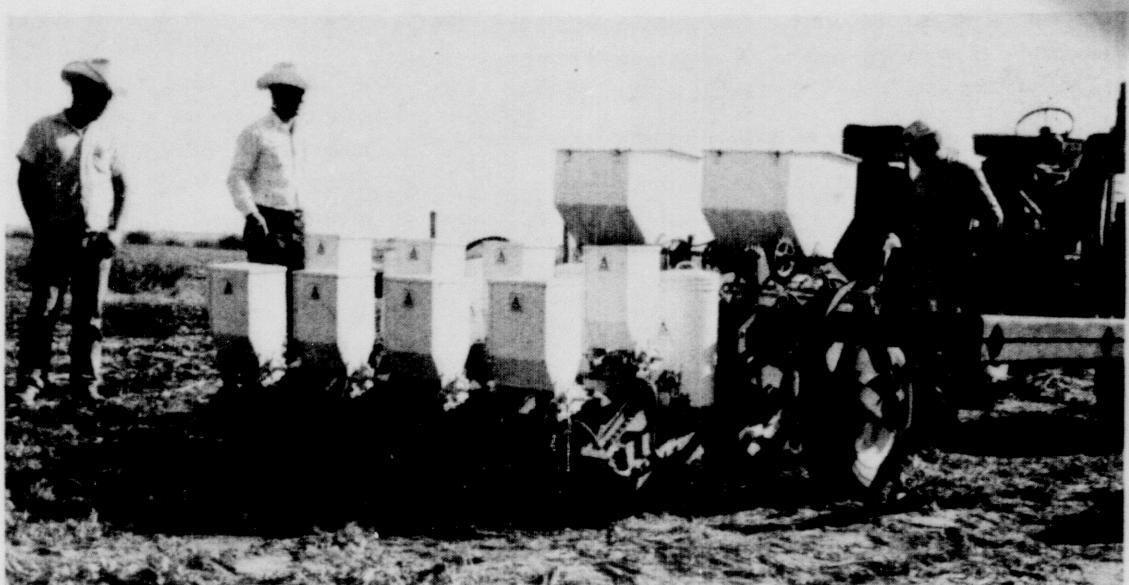
George Wilson, who farms northwest of Yancey, is trying the no-tillage on wheat. The program began in 1969 by leaving broom corn stubble and seeding the wheat without plowing. During September of 1969 George applied MSMA to kill the Johnson grass. The wheat was drilled with a special knife opening drill on December 22, 1969, and applied 200 pounds of 16-20-20 per acre at the same time. Nothing else was done to the land until harvest. The production was not very great, but was not bad. The production was 29 bu. per acre.

The Johnson grass was sprayed again with MSMA in June 1970. Planted the land to wheat again on January 5, 1971, but because of dry weather the wheat was not harvested.

Harold Stiegler, who farms East of Hondo, is experimenting with grain sorghum using the no-till type of farming. The grain sorghum was planted on land that had not been plowed in the spring of 1970. Before planting, the field was sprayed with 24-D to kill weeds. No other operations were made on the land until the grain sorghum was harvested. The production was 1500 pounds per acre. This year no grain sorghum has been planted because of dry weather.

We would like to see more farmers try no-till cropping and the time to start is right after you harvest a crop. The more people that experiment with it the more we will learn. It will also take three to four years to really find out what it's all about.

This program is relatively simple. You combine soil and water erosion controls, soil management, and conserve moisture through organic matter (or stubble) in such a way as to allow the farmer to work more land with less equipment and labor.



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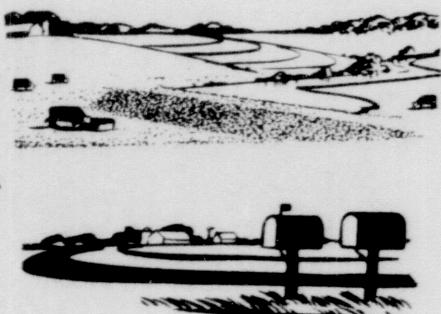
Planter used to seed wheat on the George Wilson place using the No-Till type of farming. This planter

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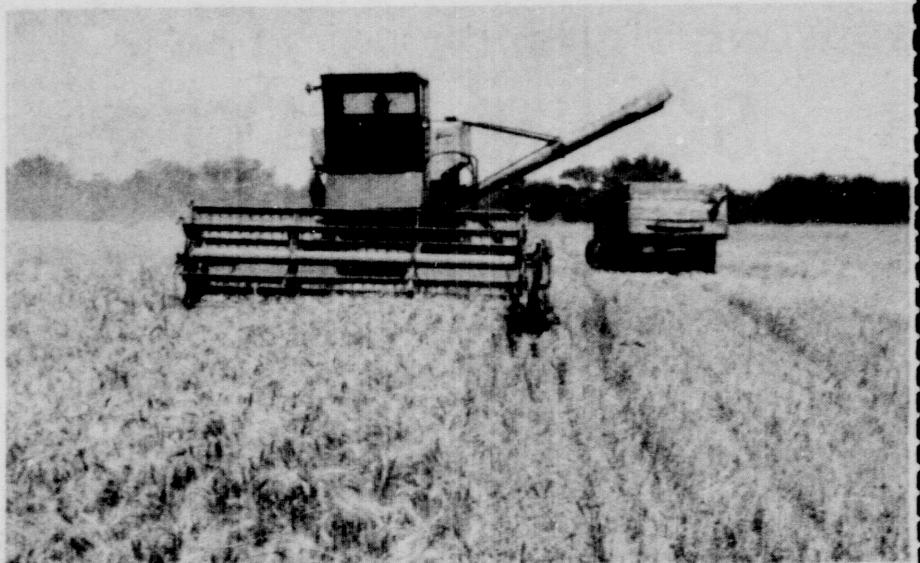
by including range and field crops that will build and conserve favorable soil condition and fertility.

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at each pipe location and pressure is kept constant by a filter and fertilizer applicator. The system is comparatively new but works well for orchards, etc. Shown installing the Holy Cross system are left to right: Tommy Fillinger, Father Victor Schmidtinsky, Liborio Ybarra, Bobby Joe Rothe and Harlan Wolff.

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Soil surveys basic

Soil surveys are a basic tool for selecting a system of sound land use. Just as any businessman takes inventory of his merchandise, so does a farmer or rancher take inventory of his soils. Different crops, grasses, and trees will grow best on different soils. Such plant adaptation is important for the best use of the land for production of food and fiber.

In Medina County, soil is a basic resource. Be it deep or shallow, red or black, sand or clay, the soil is the link between the rock core of the earth and living things on the surface. It is the foothold for the plants we grow and thus for our very existence.

The management of our land requires that we bring soil, water, and plants together in a natural and harmonious relationship.

Soil management is the same in principle as it always has been. It is not just some new agricultural technology. It is as old as the days when American Indians buried fish alongside their planted corn kernels to assure their germination and growth. Today, we still provide nutrients for our corn, but only as mineral ingredients of some

of the numerous commercial fertilizers.

Soil surveys recognize characteristics peculiar to each soil and reflect potentials of production and hazards to land use and management. Predictions can be made about a soil whose behaviour is unknown by comparing its characteristics with similar soils about which information is known.

The Soil Conservation Service is responsible for all soil survey activities in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Assisting the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District, the local SCS office is nearing completion of a detailed soil survey of Medina County. Provided as a part of the technical assistance to cooperators, the soil boundaries are located and recorded on aerial photographs. These are reproduced and enlarged to become a part of each district cooperators conservation plan.

As the survey of the whole county is completed and published, copies of the published soil survey will be available to interested land users. Contact your local Soil Conservation Service office for more information about this survey.

"Starvation of the soil leads to starvation of plants, which results in starvation of animals, including human beings." --A. G. Kilburn

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"A field becomes exhausted by constant tillage." --Ovid



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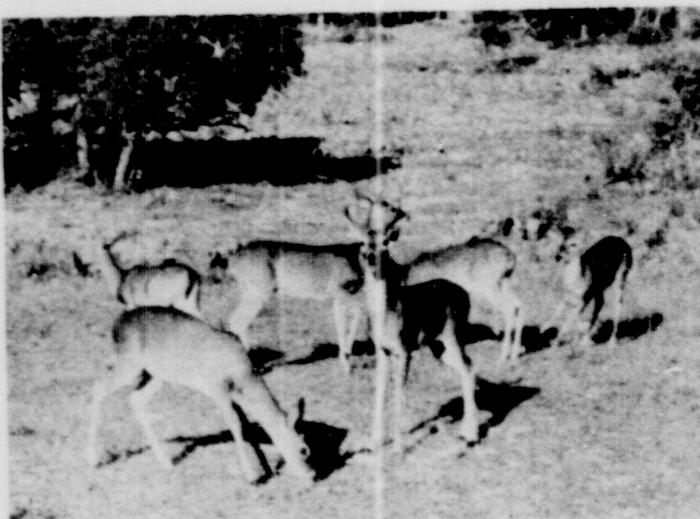
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Brush provides problems

Brush in the form of mesquite, cedar, whitebrush, blackbrush, guajilla, persimmon, mountain laurel, prickly pear, or oak or a combination of these are problems in many parts of the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District.

Brush not only hampers movement and handling of livestock, but also restricts the growth of desirable forage species. Most brush uses 1500 to 2000 pounds of water to make a pound of growth. Most of the native grasses such as sideoats grama use only 600 pounds of water for each pound of growth.

The method of brush control to be used on each location will depend on the type of brush, soil type and desired results. Cost of control varies from about \$3.00 per acre for aerial spraying to about \$30.00 per acre where dozing, stocking and rootplowing are necessary.

Brush is not going to be eradicated in any one time operation. Any farmer or rancher carrying out any kind of brush control operation should be prepared to follow the treatment to control sprouts and new growth. A common occurrence is often one species of brush such as mesquite is controlled another species such as whitebrush comes in to take its place. To prevent this, it is desirable to have the first control operation leave the ground smooth enough for a farm tractor and shredder to operate and keep new growth cut back. This shredding is usually necessary every two to three years to prevent reinfestation of brush.

The value of brush for wildlife is sometimes exaggerated, especially by hunters from the city. The size of the deer and antler development is a direct result of the diet of the deer. Heavy brush does not provide a balanced diet. It is true that acorns are relished by deer but acorns are only available during a very short period each year if at all. A solid stand of liveoaks will only produce about 2000 pounds per acre green weight each year. This same acre of land is capable of producing 6000 pounds of grass. Some browse is desirable in the diet of most grazing animals. This amount is small and can be supplied by sprouts, shade trees and shelter belts left especially for wildlife. A well planned brush control pattern allows for these protected routes and turkey roosting areas. Many times the deer population increases in a pasture where brush control has been carried out and the deer are much easier to harvest in a cleared area.

Brush control is only part of a good grass management program. Brush control clears the way for grass improvement through the use of deferred grazing and proper grazing use. The increased forage yields of desirable, high producing grasses will more than pay for the cost of brush control through increased production of livestock.

The brush problem is caused by overusing grasses allowing the brush to invade. Money spent for brush control may be wasted unless it is followed by a sound grass management program. A dense cover of deep-rooted grasses, properly grazed will keep the brush from getting started.

The Medina Valley Soil

Pay off in fall

Winter months are the most critical times for dove and quail. It is during these winter months that the least amount of food, cover and shelter is found on the average farm in the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. With the end of hunting season, most landowners and sportsmen forget these things are necessary to provide the abundance of game for next hunting season. Food for dove and quail can be provided easily with very little cost. The farmer producing grain sorghum can leave a few rows along a fence line or seed sorghum or millet on the odd areas about the farm.

Strips along the fence lines in pastures can be disked to encourage weeds. The main diet for these game birds during the spring and summer consist of insects.

During the last summer

and Water Conservation District has 298,000 acres needing brush control and reestablishment of grass. Another 300,000 acres have potential brush problems and need spot treatment and intensive grass management.

It is estimated that brush, cacti, and weeds in Texas use 146 million acres feet of water each year. This is over ten times as much water as the conservation capacity of all the major lakes in the state or enough water to fill Medina Lake 574 times each year.

Which do you want -- an acre producing 2000 pounds of brush each year or an acre producing 6000 pounds of good grass?

and winter months, weed seeds provide the majority of the food for dove and quail. Croton and partridge pea are weeds that produce an abundance of seed that are excellent food for these game birds.

Croton, known locally as "dove weed" or goat weed, can be encouraged in pasture areas by disking.

The croton and other tall growing weeds provide the "escape cover" that quail use in order to quickly escape predatory birds and animals.

Areas near shelter areas should be disked in the spring to encourage croton.

Permanent shelter could be scattered through pastures or fields. They might consist of living shrubbery, fence post or brush piles. These shelter areas provide a roosting place.

If you plan now to provide good escape cover, and shelter, you will be rewarded with a better hunting season next fall.

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Farm ponds important

A suitable pond properly stocked with bass and sunfish should provide fishing for four or five years, even indefinitely, under ideal conditions. A pond with suitable year-around characteristics, stocked with channel catfish should provide two years of fishing, after a year is allowed for growth. The Bureau will not honor request for stocking the same pond more often than every third year except in unusual situations. Overstocking builds a population of stunted fish -- and disappointed fishermen.

Stocking with small fish from the hatchery will not be considered if there is an exist-

ing fish population. Existing fish can be removed by draining pond or using a fish toxicant.

For a balanced pond, both forage fish (sunfish) and predator (bass) should be stocked. Channel catfish are not recommended for ponds of less than one acre when stocked with other species. A combination of bass, sunfish and channel catfish may be desirable if water is one surface acre or more. Channel catfish may be used for less than one acre if no other fish are present. Ponds of less than 1/4 surface acres are not recommended for stocking with fish.



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Voters vote in 1948 to organize Medina Valley Soil Conservation District

On January 12, 1948, the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District was organized with the following persons be-

ing elected or appointed. Supervision: Ferd Rock, Robert Riff, Hartley Howard, Raymond Schuchart and J. N. Wil-

son. The program and plan was completed and approved on January 5, 1949, at which time the Soil Conservation

Service began operation to assist the District in providing technical assistance to landowners and operators.

The District covers all of Medina County with 1,366 landowners cooperating in the program, covering 610,500 acres. The Soil Conservation Service assists cooperators in developing conservation plans on their farms and ranches then help them carry it out.

In 1963, the Supervision began to see the need to revise the program and work plan that had been approved in 1949. This came about because of the new methods in farming techniques. On January 8, 1964, the new program and plan was approved by the five Supervisors and then submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture for his approval.

The District has published a monthly newsletter since May, 1956, which is mailed to all cooperators. In 1957 and 1959 the newsletter received a national award as the second best in the entire United States. In 1960 the district was selected the outstanding District in the entire State. In 1958 the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company awarded a Medina Valley Soil

Conservation District Supervisor and the outstanding Conservation farmer a free trip to Arizona for being the outstanding District. Many landowners and groups have received awards by working with and carrying out conservation practices on their places.

The District has sponsored many tours for various groups including farmers, ranchers, ministers, ladies and youths. Supervisors have met and made talks at local civic groups and organizations.

Each year the District cooperates with the State and National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. The Supervisors have attended each State convention that has been held since 1956 and have attended two national meetings.

The District is always on the move trying to bring before the people and keep them informed about new techniques on farming and ranching. No-till farming is an example of this where Harold Stiegler and George Wilson are trying this type of farming on grain sorghum and wheat for three years.

Support your District by being a cooperator, you will be rewarded for it.

ONLY THE STRONG ARE HEARD!



FARM BUREAU WORKS FOR AGRICULTURE THRU-

- **LEGISLATION** — effective representation in Austin and Washington.
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Man is aware

Within the last decade, man -- and Americans in particular -- had become increasingly aware of the rapid contamination of our environment. All about us we see nature's world of land, water, air and living things being ravaged.

This awakening has come none too soon. The gnawing destruction of man's world by the demands of exploding populations and by the pollutants of an ever-increasing industrialization makes imperative the preservation of the green plants themselves.

In the fundamental chain of life, green plants are indispensable links upon which all else depends. In their preservation lies quite literally the preservation of the life of the earth. Oxygen is produced only by plants, and all food for living things come directly or indirectly from them.

While plants are necessary for our physical survival, they are at the same time the cornerstone upon which the wholeness of man's spirit depends. Man the innovator and dreamer is rooted in the world of green and growing things from which he draws his strength and his joy. As concrete, glass, and ribbons of pavement encroach upon the green world, the more urgent becomes man's need for plants and flowers. For urban man, particularly, the beauty and infinite mystery of growing things is precious and elusive.



WATER AND SOIL

Like Money,
Is A Source Of Security

WHEN SAVED

But

WHEN THEY ARE GONE THERE IS ONLY REGRET

WITH THE RIGHT TO OWN COMES DUTY TO CONSERVE!

WE BELIEVE IN CONSERVATION

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SOIL IS LIFE

PRESERVE
& PROTECT IT

MEMBER FDIC



MEDINA VALLEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Creed of soil

conservationist

I believe God created the earth by His divine processes for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind, regardless of race or creed, is entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with his own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his fields, pastures, woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest, and so shall his descendants, while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow man realize his own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of others who use the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.



THIS WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR CARROTS



PEPPER CROP COMING UP

CONSERVATION

A FACT FOR
SURVIVAL

C. S. C. INC.

A CONSERVATION FARMER OR
RANCHER IS ONE WHO
SEES THE LAND

1. Different kinds
2. Condition
3. Which of Nature's laws have been violated
4. Treatment needs
5. Proper Use

UNDERSTANDS WHAT HE SEES

1. The land is the Lord's and the fullness thereof
2. Second only to Heaven in the order of Creation
3. The source of food, clothing and shelter
4. God's greatest material gift to man
5. With the right to own goes the duty to conserve

WORKS WITH UNDERSTANDING

1. Uses the land for what it is best suited
2. Treats it according to its needs
3. Improves its productiveness
4. Cooperates with nature and obeys her laws
5. Learns to love the land
6. Always leaves it better than he found it



SHAPING GULLIES GOOD PRACTICE



CHAINED AREA ON BRUCE FOSTER PLACE

Wise use of your natural resources of soil and water is the protection of your investment in the future, the future of your family, the community and the nation. Ours is a fertile land, the richest land on earth, where the seeds of progress flourish as in no other land.

But we cannot remain free and strong if we fail to recognize the responsibilities that go with our freedom.

We are duty bound to conserve our soil, putting as much back into it as we take out each year through a conscientious soil conservation program.

THE MEDINA VALLEY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IS HERE TO HELP YOU!!

What Is Soil Conservation? - Soil conservation is using land within its capability and treating it according to its needs for sustained productivity.